

CHAIR REPORT

6/11/10

Trustee Meeting: 6/15/10

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN/FRIENDS REIMBURSEMENT

After last month's Trustees' Meeting, John Mapley stopped at the library on May 19 and met with John Walden and asked if he could review the campaign records and bank statements regarding the Friends' donation/refund to the New Library Campaign.

Attached is a letter which was forwarded to me by John Mapley. I, in turn, communicated with Mindy Flater [Friends' Treasurer] and Dick Katz to see if this information meshed with their records. Mindy Flater confirmed that the information provided by John Mapley does mesh with their records and she has provided copies of the two checks, totaling \$10,000, which made up the deposit/reimbursement to the Capital Campaign account. Copies of communications attached regarding information from John Mapley and also copies of checks from the Friends'. This issue is now resolved. Thank you to John Mapley for his assistance.

HARBOR LEASE AGREEMENT

This item was not on the Selectmen's agenda on 5/17 so I did not attend that meeting; however, it was placed as an item of discussion on the 6/1 Selectmen's agenda and I did attend that meeting.

The Selectmen discussed the fact that the lease payment has been made for this year and that a more appropriate time to notice the termination of the lease might be the end of November. The Selectmen unanimously moved to hold off on the cancellation of the lease with the Riverway until the end of November and to set up a committee to explore the town options in using the property included in this purchase and sale agreement.

I believe we need to provide more in the way of documentation, other than our April 2010 resolution included in our minutes, noticing the Selectmen that we do not intend to make the lease payment under this agreement in 2011. There are too many variables that are out of our control and we need to have added documentation stating our position which allows us to act on behalf of the best interests of the library.

The SAU is proceeding with repairs to the Blodgett House and their vacating the harbor premises could mean a larger payment which would have to be made by the library if the Selectmen do not notice the Riverway according to the terms of the agreement.

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To that end, I would recommend we send a letter to the Selectmen stating our position and asking for confirmation that they understand we will not be responsible for this lease payment in 2011.

I have attached a draft of a letter and would ask for the Board's authorization Tuesday evening to send this letter.

CHAIR AGENDA ITEMS

*Barbara has already sent out information for discussion on Items A & B of my report

*Item D is in follow up to the memo I sent to everyone on 5/20/10

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This falls under John's purview, but where I'm a SRP volunteer, I'll take a moment and give a plug that this year's program is going to be very exciting! The staff has done a great job in pulling together a large core of volunteers to ensure the success of this program.

I happened to be volunteering at the Elementary School on the day John, Shirley and Joyce [Heather was on vacation] came in to promote the program....all dressed as pirates! The library staff actually spent about 2 hours in the elementary school and went back on 6/7 as the 4th graders were out on a field trip when they came in on 6/4. John did a very good job [I think!] convincing the first graders that he wasn't John from the library...he was Pirate John and his cousin John worked at the library.

A huge thank you to John & Jean Wilson and Pat Hand for the countless hours putting together and painting the pirate ship and to Denis Kohn and Steve Nilsen for assisting with set up on the library lawn.

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MISC.

*Thank you notes sent to John & Jean Wilson and to Pat Hand for all of their work regarding the pirate ship.

*Thank you e-mail sent to Alan Pullman, SCES Principal and Dr. Brendan Minnihan, Superintendent for allowing the library staff to promote the Summer Reading Program at the Elementary School.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

June 30 - July 28 Summer Reading Program Begins at Sherburne Gym
Every Wednesday Evening through July 28

July 10 Trustees' Book Sale

FUTURE MEETINGS

July 20	6:30	Town Hall Meeting Room
August 17	6:30	Town Hall Meeting Room
September 21	6:30	Town Hall Meeting Room