

ABBOTT LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Board Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2007, 6:00 PM

Abbott Library Main Floor

Present: Peter Urbach, Chair; Rhonda Gurney, Vice Chair; Steve Fair, Treasurer; Faith Reney, Secretary Pro Tem; Lisa Bozogan; John Mapley; Paul Pratt for Sally Southard; Also present, John Walden, Library Director

Alternates present: Mary Epremian; Betty Tatlock

Absent: Sally Southard

Visitors: John Wilson; Jean Wilson; Ruth Pratt; Sue Gottling

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Nov. 20 – unanimously approved
Dec. 14 – not yet available

2. **Chairman's Report**

Peter Urbach gave a brief summary of the last week's activities. On Dec. 14th there was a special meeting to approve the warrant articles from the Building Committee. There were no written articles at that point and they were discussed and approved in oral form. Rhonda prepared the written articles to present to the Selectboard on Dec. 17th. The principal comment made by the Selectboard was to consolidate the two articles into one as they are dependent on each other. It was agreed to rewrite the article and present to the Trustees this evening and then again to the Selectboard later this week.

Peter also wanted to call attention to the board the fact we are getting close to town elections. The nomination period will close in Jan. or early Feb. and new members should be recruited to replace at least two positions.

3. **Director's Report**

John Walden presented the Director's report (attached to file copy of minutes). One addition to the report would be the expected cost of a new telephone system. It is estimated to be around \$2,000.00 and the monies would come from available funds from this year's operating budget under the line item of furniture and fixtures. John Mapley moved to have John Walden go ahead with purchase and installation and Rhonda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Steve Fair submitted his report (attached to file copy of minutes).

John Walden reported he received a notice stating the Annual Report for the town is due Jan. 10. He will check on this date to make sure.

5. **Building Committee**

With help from Peter Urbach, Peter White, and Barbara Chalmers, Rhonda consolidated the warrant articles into one. After checking with Tom Ladd, Terry Knowles, and Melissa Martin the final draft was written specifying the Trustees to raise and spend funds for the new library in order to avoid the trouble the East Kingston library had.

John Mapley was concerned about Section B) b) not being all Capital Reserve Fund monies. Peter added the words 'and other capital campaign sources'. The article was amended to read as follows:

Are you in favor of raising and appropriating an amount not to exceed \$4,640,000 for a new public library per RSA 202-A:6? Details as follows:

• Authorizing the use of the following:

A) \$400,000 from **private donations**, to be solicited in a capital campaign by the Abbott Library Trustees, to enable the Town of Sunapee to purchase the lot next to the French Livery (Old Town Hall), identified as a portion of Tax Map 133, Lot 87, on Main St, containing 0.7 acres, currently owned by Sunapee Harbor Riverway Corporation.

B) For up to \$4,240,000 to be spent by the Abbott Library Trustees for the design, construction, furnishing, and miscellaneous costs to build the library which shall come from the following sources:

a) \$3,885,000 from **private donations** to be solicited by the Abbott Library Trustees in a capital campaign, for design, construction, furnishing and miscellaneous costs to build the library.

b) \$71,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999 for this purpose and other capital campaign sources.

c) \$284,000 from capital campaign funds previously donated for the building of a new library, currently held by the Abbott Library Trustees.

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the associated work is completed or December 31, 2013, whichever occurs first.

When questioned about the vote, Peter clarified that we would be voting to approve the article to go to the Selectboard to put on the Town Warrant, not necessarily whether we are in favor of the article itself.

Rhonda moved to accept as amended and Lisa seconded. There were 5 votes for with Peter Urbach and Paul Pratt abstaining.

6. **Other**

John Walden asked about the article for \$25,000 for the Library Capital Reserve Fund. It is on the draft document for the town warrant he received from Donna Nashawaty. She has updated and included the article again this year.

Meeting adjourned 6:30pm.

Next meeting Jan. 22, 2008.

Submitted by Faith Reney, acting secretary.