

**TRUMBULL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

April 11, 2012

Trumbull Library

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Members Present: Chairwoman Tara Liskov, Arthur A. Kukla, James Cebulski, Joan Hammill, Antonio Petitti, Laura Ponzio, Carol Porrata Elstein, Jeannine C. Stauder, Mary Whatley

Also Present: Susan Horton, Library Director, Joanne Orenstein, Clerk

**The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairwoman Liskov.**

**Public Session:** No members of the public were present.

**Correspondence:** Ms. Horton reported that Grace Birch, former Library Director had passed away. A personal card of condolence was sent to her son. Joe Huffman, a former Board Member also passed away, and a card was sent to his family.

**Minutes:** Ms. Ponzio made a motion to correct the Minutes to reflect that Ms. Porrata Elstein had seconded Mr. Petitti's motion to send a letter to the Friends' summarizing the decisions of the previous meetings. Mr. Petitti seconded the motion. **VOTE:** The motion passed with eight in favor and one abstention.

**Director's Report:** Ms. Horton reported the Finance Committee of the Town Council had made no change in the Board of Finance's approved budget, which means the Children's Librarian position has been restored. In addition, the \$5000 approved for e-books is also safe.

Ms. Horton reported the electrical contractor had finished the work in the north end of the Library in one day, and well under budget. She and Mr. Sheehy are now looking at small computer desks to install along the space.

One Book/One Town was very successful. The Trumbull Community Women put on a beautiful Tea that was very well received; the Hoedown at Tashua School was a great success. The re-enactment was huge. Overall, there were over 1200 attendees to the programs. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a planning meeting for next year.

Mr. Herbst will be doing a First Selectman's Reading Challenge that the Library will support.

Ms. Horton attended Jane Ryan's Invention Convention and it was wonderful.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Petitti reported. Everything is moving accordingly. The One Book/One Town fund was practically depleted, as it was supposed to be.

**Fairchild-Nichols Branch:** Ms. Whatley said they mainly talked about ongoing repairs, and about the possibility of installing a railing outside from the parking lot. They authorized the purchase of a stencil making machine for craft projects.

**Old Business:**

Parking Lot: Mr. Cebulski reported that the changes to the Parking Lot will be done in June or July.

Friends of the Library: Ms. Hall called Ms. Liskov after she received her Friends' letter. Ms. Liskov reported that they had a good discussion, but they agreed to disagree regarding the shed addition. About two weeks later, the Friends sent a letter to the First Selectman and Mr. Ponzio, with a copy to Ms. Liskov. They requested that the Library Board's decision about the shed addition be reversed. Ms. Ponzio reported that Mr. Herbst responded to the Friends that the decision of the Board could not be overturned by him. The Board agreed that they would not require the Friends to move the Pod immediately (as previously requested), but it must be removed by June 30, 2012.

**New Business:** Ms. Prusak received an e-mail from Ms. Rabinow regarding reservations for the dates of the 2013 Book Sales, requesting the room from Friday at 5pm through Saturday at 5pm. It was reiterated that the Friends can be in the Library until the Cleaning Service leaves on Friday evening, and they can enter the Library on Saturday at 6am on Book Sale weekends.

Ms. Rabinow also stated in her e-mail of April 12, 2012, that they are "releasing the following previously reserved 2012 dates: October 27 through November 1, inclusive and November 4, retaining only November 2-3."

**Adjournment:** Ms. Porrata Elstein made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Kukla seconded. **VOTE:** All in favor at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joanne Glasser Orenstein  
Clerk

Approved; pending final approval by the full Board of Trustees,

Tara Liskov, Chairman  
Trumbull Library Board of Trustees

The next meeting of the Trumbull Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, May 9th at 7pm.