

North Haven Memorial Library  
Board Meeting  
May 17, 2007

Minutes

Attendance: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Graef at 7:35 pm.

Present: Lois Baldini, John Carlson, Michael Fletcher, John Graef, Erin MacDonnell, Doreen Tomlan, Angelo Verdini

Absent: Patricia Dortenzio, Eric Grove, Phyllis Kaercher, Dorothy Mautte

2. A. Verdini moved that the Minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting be accepted. Seconded by M. Fletcher. All in favor.

3. D. Tomlan moved that the February Financial Statement be accepted. Seconded by A. Verdini. All in favor.

M. Fletcher moved that the March Financial Statement be accepted. Seconded by D. Tomlan. All in favor.

4. Old Business: None

5. New Business: a): Director's Report: The Director, on behalf of the staff, welcomed Board Member Erin MacDonnell who has been appointed to the Board filling the unexpired term of Phyllis Havens.

The Director asked the Board to ratify the meeting dates for 2007/2008.

J. Carlson moved that the meeting dates for 2007/2008 be accepted. Seconded by A. Verdini. All in favor.

The Director commended speakers at the Public Hearing for voicing their support of the library and for urging the Board of Finance to restore the full time and two part time positions that were eliminated in the budget two years ago.

As a result, the Board of Finance elected to add all three positions to the current budget that will be voted upon in the May 22, 2007 Referendum.

If the budget is approved, hours will be restored and the library will open on Fridays. Additionally, the Director will more than likely assign all three positions to the Children's Department as there is a clear desire on the part of the public for programs and activities in that area.

5. New Business: a): Director's Report continued: Several members of the Board would like to consider Saturday hours during the summer. They offered the opinion that the lack of summer hours prevents many working parents of an opportunity to visit the library as evenings are difficult for younger children. Although the schedule is set for this year and cannot be changed because of signed vacation requests, this will be considered for next summer. The Director reminded the Board that if summer hours were put into place it would necessitate closing hours during the week in order to compensate for the additional time.

The sidewalk that was being considered for the front of the building has been put on hold for the time being.

The Daytime Garden Club has taken over the maintenance of the Reading Garden and has done a fine spring clean up. There has been no answer from the manufacturer of the garden benches with regard to rusting.

Children in Grades K-3 planted annuals around the side and front of the library on May 17<sup>th</sup> as part of a school outing that included visits to town departments. The flowers were donated by parents. The children and parents were commended for their project as it is a lovely addition to our grounds.

The library has been named recipient of memorial donations for town resident Suzanne Bonito, who passed away earlier this month. As the donations now total a considerable amount, some thought has been given to statuary for the outside of the building. When the donations stop, the Director will discuss possibilities with the Bonito family.

The DVD's have been moved to the first floor and the dummy boxes have been eliminated. The reason for the move was the collection size has grown over the years and the circulation office was becoming too crowded for them.

The Masonicare program on downsizing for seniors was a huge success as was the program on the Art History of Italy.

The Director has not had a chance to visit other libraries for ideas for the lobby as she had promised the Friends of the Library. She will do so as time permits.

The Friends of the Library will have a Tag Sale in the Community Room of the library on Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 8 am to 2 pm.

The Friends of the Library have requested space in the library to be able to sell used books on a continuous basis as the book sale will no longer be held. Various areas of the library are under consideration.

**The Friends of the Library have donated additional slat wall for the Children's Department that will complete the project.**

**6. J. Carlson moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 pm. Seconded by D. Tomlan. All in favor.**