

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

North Haven Memorial Library Board Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 2012

Minutes

Attendance: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Fletcher at 7:30pm.

Present: Ruth Bryant, Kimberly Carew, Paul Colella, Patricia Dortenzio, Michael Fletcher, John Graef, Erin MacDonnell, Peter McPhedran, Jeanne Saldanha. (Mary Ann Santora, Secretary)

Absent: Lois Baldini

1. Approval of Minutes: A correction made to the first name of a Board member. Michael Fletcher asked that the minutes be approved as corrected, motion by Peter McPhedran, seconded by Ruth Bryant.
2. Financial Statement: Pat Dortenzio explained that we are spending down the accounts used to purchase materials with a cut off date of June 8th. Peter McPhedran asked if more money was needed for the LION line because of the increase in the ebooks price. Pat Dortenzio explained that as a follow up to the decision that Random House made in March to triple the prices of ebooks to libraries, one of the vice presidents of Random House met with the LION Board of Director's last month to discuss their concerns. LION, as a consortium made the decision to have a moratorium on buying Random House ebooks until their prices roll back. Sales of ebooks at Random House are now down 40%. As a result, more affordable prices are coming. Kim Carew wondered about the balance in the electricity line. Pat Dortenzio stated more money had been put into that line several years ago in anticipation of skyrocketing prices. Kim Carew asked how the building was heated. Pat stated the building is heated by gas and the air conditioning is run by electric. Michael Fletcher asked that the financial statement be accepted; motion by John Graef, seconded by Erin MacDonnell.
3. Old Business: Kim Carew asked about the signage. Pat Dortenzio stated that Lois had put a call into Joel Evans, a North Haven resident, who owns Joel Evans Creative Designs for a quote. He is the gentleman who produced the signs on the Historical Society and in the Central Block. She has yet to connect with him. She has also spoken with Art Housman who is the Zoning Enforcement Official. He will have the final word on size and placement. We should have some endowment money in the Bradley fund to pay for the sign. Kim Carew stated that the Friends would be willing to contribute to the cost if necessary. As for the roof, there has been no further movement on the roof than was previously reported at our last meeting.
4. New Business: Director's Report:
 - a. Schedule of meeting dates that need to be ratified. Erin MacDonnell made a motion to accept and ratify the dates as presented, seconded by Kim Carew.

- b. As a recap of Ruth's question about the call to order at the January meeting following a general election, Michael was correct in that, according to the Charter, it is the First Selectman who calls the meeting to order.
- c. Rose Mangiulli is still out on long term medical leave with an anticipated return date of July 1. We have hired Lenore Carlone to fill this position temporarily.
- d. The Public Hearing which took place on the Budget April 3rd, was uneventful and sparsely attended. There were no questions for this department. The referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd.
- e. No union negotiations have taken place or are scheduled.
- f. The room where the Summer Reading Club is held is more than half way finished. It is a tribute to Patti LaTerza and her staff who year after year transform the program room into a magical place for the children of this community to celebrate reading. Please take a look at it when you have a chance.
- g. The new phone system became operational on March 16th. It was a challenge, but we are pretty much used to it now. It has been seamless for the public.
- h. This is the last meeting until September. Have a wonderful summer.

Kim Carew asked if information regarding the split between the Daytime Gardeners and the North Haven Garden Club could be explained. The Presidents of the Friends is wondering just what happened and what role does Public Works have in regards to the care of the exterior of the building.

- 5. The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 20th, at 7:30 p.m. Erin MacDonnell moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by John Graef.