

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

North Haven Memorial Library Board Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2016

Minutes

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

Present: Lois Baldini, Ruth Bryant, Paul Colella, Michael Fletcher, John Graef, Mary Anne Hardy, Patricia LaTerza, Peter McPhedran, Jeanne Saldanha.

Absent: Kimberly Carew, Erin MacDonnell.

1. Michael Fletcher requested that the minutes of the January 21st meeting be accepted. Motion by Mary Ann Hardy, seconded by Ruth Bryant.
2. Financial Statement: Michael Fletcher asked that the financial statement be accepted. Motion by Ruth Bryant, seconded by Mary Anne Hardy.
3. Old Business: None.
4. New Business:

Directors' Report:

- A. The budget workshop was held on Jan. 23, 2016. It went well. There were no promises, but in general, it was well received. The Finance Board complimented the library several times and we will know the results in a couple of weeks.
- B. The Energy Saving Project has extended itself to the outside of the building. The parking lot lights will be changed to LED and we are told that the result will be a much brighter area.
- C. The Friends are having a small book sale this Saturday. It will be in the lobby. Friends have raised the price of the books to \$1.00.
- D. The new intercom has been installed. It hasn't been used extensively yet because it was too loud in the lobby so we are expecting that to be corrected shortly.
- E. The Governor has made extensive cuts to the State Library budget. Although area libraries do not know how much this will affect us individually, at the very least, the aid that we receive will be reduced. We receive about \$11,000 a year from two grants. It seems that what he did originally was to give each agency a lump sum instead of cutting line by line. Whether that holds is not clear.

- F. Our new Children's Librarian, Emily Jenkins, reports that summer programming is set and that there will be a Summer Reading Club in the program room as usual.
 - G. Long Wharf passes. Pass the word along to everyone. This is a great deal. Two tickets to Long Wharf can run \$140. The voucher gets you two for free and there's not a bad seat there.
 - H. Patti LaTerza reported that use of Lynda.com has jumped substantially. Programs are all going very well. All of our events are well attended and well received.
5. The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 19th, at 7:30 p.m. Paul Colella moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Ruth Bryant.