

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOMERS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2011

PRESENT: Tiffany Daly, Lois Lindell, Dee Moak, Robin Provencher, Bob Socha, Andy Phillips, Mike Gotta, Charlotte Stopa, Shirley Warner, and Library Director Francine Aloisa.

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Warner at 5:37 p.m.

1. First Audience to Citizens: Bob Socha, father of Board member Bob Socha, expressed his concerns regarding a number of construction contract items not completed, and which the Building Committee was not allowed to see through to completion, as well as his concern over the magnitude of the budget cut directed by the Board of Selectmen.
2. Correspondence: None.
3. Financial Business:
 - a. Discussion of FY 11-12 budget reductions. Fact sheet prepared by S. Warner and F. Aloisa reviewed and discussed. Proposals for consideration of possible budget reductions prepared by F. Aloisa discussed at length by the Board with an eye toward having minimal impact on employees if possible. Estimated savings on salary, electricity and heat line items reviewed. Motion to reduce operating hours two days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., reduce the book line item by \$800.00, reduce the audio-visual line item by \$700.00, and reduce the building maintenance line item by \$3,024.00 for a total reduction of \$30,000.00 made by R. Provencher, seconded by L. Lindell and approved unanimously.
4. Second Audience to Citizens: Bob Socha inquired about the impact of the unemployment rate on the library. F. Aloisa responded that library usage increased as the unemployment rate rises.
5. Adjournment: With no further business to be considered, Chairwoman Warner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Provencher
Secretary

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