

Library Board of Directors
Somers Public Library
October 3,2011

Members present: Chairperson Shirley Warner, Tiffany Daly, Mike Gotta, Bob Socha, Charlotte Stopa, Robin Provencher, Lois Lindell

Also present: Francine Aloisa, Director

Absent: Dee Moak, Andy Phillips

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Warner at 6:35 pm.

Minutes of June 7th meeting were approved as presented (Motion T. Daly, seconded C. Stopa, with L. Lindell and B. Socha abstaining). Minutes of the September 12th meeting were approve with corrections (Motion T. Daly, seconded M. Gotta, with C. Stopa and R. Provencher abstaining). The corrections are:statutes in place of statures;Chudy in place of Chukey, ... and wood structure removed, State (**Library**) Construction Grant. Treasurer's Report was distributed and will be filed. As of this date, the check made out to the town is still outstanding. Because the auditors are now at work at Town Hall, we will wait until next month to seek more information on the status of the check.

Audience to Citizens - None

Correspondence:

A letter was received from Probate Court regarding settlement of Dale Chukey's estate. The library has received a small amount to be used for books.

Financial Business:

Approval of Invoices: Motion (B. Socha), second (T. Daly) to approve bills paid. Voted unanimously. Year-to-date Budget was distributed, discussed and will be filed for audit.

No committee reports were given.

Building:

Items damaged by the snowstorms have been repaired with the exception of the caulking of the flashing in the gable above the Teen Room. Bob stated he would do this job. There is a question of somehow blocking the snow from coming into the louver in that gable. Bob in working on this.

The library has received a bill for \$465 from Hartford Sprinkler Co. for the service call that had to make after the damage to our sprinkler system caused by the Fire Department's training session on the hydrant outside. It was the feeling of the board that this is the Fire Department's responsibility for payment.

Other outstanding items: The lawn mowing has not been done by the town crew in several weeks. The old benches in the back of the library have been offered to the town but have not been removed.

Old Business:

Francine has spoken to the company that installed the original acoustic effects and they are studying this and will give a price on installing the recommended options for U of Hartford.

The State Library Construction Grant (\$50,000) remaining paperwork needs to be filed by Town's Financial Officer by mid-March, 2012. Francine is inquiring on the status of that.

Jen Grigor has not gotten back with any details of transplanting grasses to other school properties.

New Business:

Francine has submitted a Self-Evaluation to Town Hall, per a request from them. Because the board did not participate in the procedure, it was voted to send a letter to accompany this form. Motion was made (T. Daly, seconded R. Provencher) to submit a letter written by Shirley.

Director's Report

The Friends of the Library are holding the Fall Book Sale on the evening of October 14 and during the day on October 15 and 16. Collection dates for books are October 8 and 9. The Friends are looking for a president of the group. The other officers are continuing but the president cannot serve any longer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Lindell