

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORTH KINGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY
MINUTES**

JANUARY 11, 2010

PRESENT WERE: Barbara Burgess, Patricia Carlson, Joan Ehrhardt, David Layman, Richard Moore, Paul Sollitto, Tom Sgouros, and Susan Aylward.

1. **Call to Order-** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Kingstown Free Library held on Monday, January 11, 2010, in the Conference Room was called to order by Chair Patricia Carlson at 7:30 P.M.
2. **Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6 (c) Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's website.**
3. **Minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting – VOTED** to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting on a motion by Rick Moore, seconded by Joan Ehrhardt.
4. **Director's Report**—The Director reported on events and activities during December, highlighting the success of the newly instituted program “Monday Night at the Movies.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **FY 10-11 Budget**—The Trustees reviewed the FY 10-11 budget as presented by the Library Director. This budget with a bottom line of \$1,404,526 includes a 2.07% spending increase and a 2.34% tax appropriation increase. The Library Director reported that this is the budget amount the library will need in order to maintain our present level of service. She also reported on conversations she has had with the Town Manager concerning the library's budget request and the likely probability that the request will ultimately have to come in at zero. The Trustees VOTED to approve sending the \$1,404,526 budget request as presented by the Director to the Town Manager for his review on a motion by Paul Sollitto, seconded by Rick Moore. The Trustees understand that this request may have to be modified at their February meeting after the Town Manager looks at the overall budget picture for the Town and makes his recommended cuts.
 - b. **Meeting Room Policy revision**—The Trustees discussed the meeting room policy revision proposed by the Library Director, which consolidates the meeting room and small conference room policies into one document and clarifies the issue of groups not being allowed to sell things in the meeting room. The Trustees made a couple of stylistic changes to the policy. The Library Director will make those changes; send out a corrected policy with the February packet; and the revised policy will be placed on the February meeting agenda for final approval.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Citizen Concern about side driveway parking spaces**—The Trustees reviewed a memo from Jerry Schaffran about the traffic and safety issues surrounding the parking spaces that are located on the side of the library driveway. Because cars do not pull in all the way and because some cars and trucks are too long for the spaces, the near lane of the driveway is often blocked. Also, these cars, when leaving are pulling out into traffic. All of this is particularly dangerous for pedestrians walking up the driveway. The Trustees were very appreciative of Jerry's concern and they discussed his suggestion of converting these angled parking spaces to parallel parking spaces. The Library Director will discuss that possibility with the Town's highway engineers and will report back to the Board.
7. **Donations Received-** The Board VOTED to accept with gratitude the list of attached donations received from November 2009 through January 8, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted-
Susan L. Aylward