

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

**September 13, 2010**

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

1. **Call to Order-** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Kingstown Free Library held on Monday, September 13, 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 June 21, 2010 meeting** – VOTED to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2010 meeting as presented on a motion by Rick Moore, seconded by Barbara Burgess.
4. **Director's Report**—The Director reported on events and activities during the summer including some patron behavior problems in the Young Readers Department and an interesting opportunity to join a local consortium of libraries with significant archives and manuscript collections.
  - a. **FY 09-10 wrap-up**—The Board discussed the end-of-the-year budget report and the very successful statistics from FY 09-10. Trustee Dave Layman suggested that we try to interest the local newspapers in doing an article about the library's impressive usage statistics.
5. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Food & Drink policy follow-up discussion**—The Board re-considered the food & drink policy in light of the staff's experience in trying to enforce the policy over the summer. The Director reported the staff's concerns about the loss of goodwill in having to take away water and other beverages when the expectation of most library users is to be able to have beverages in the library. The Board continues to believe strongly that keeping the library and the furnishings clean and vermin-free outweighs the goodwill concern. After much discussion, the Board approved a slight compromise by allowing water only in closed containers. VOTED 6 to 1 to amend the food & drink policy to allow patrons to bring with them a closed container of water into the library, but not at the computers, and with no exceptions, on a motion by Barbara Burgess, seconded by Dave Layman.
6. **New Business:**
  - a. **Three-Year Plan**—The Board discussed the new three-year plan presented by the Library Director. VOTED unanimously to approve the North Kingstown Free Library Service Plan, FY 2011 through FY 2012, on a motion by Rick Moore, seconded by Tom Sgouros.
  - b. **Memorial Bench**—The Board discussed the proposal by Dan Steere to purchase a bench for the library property in memory of his parents and his brother. VOTED unanimously to approve the donation to purchase a memorial bench in honor of the Steeres on a motion by Rick Moore, seconded by Tom Sgouros.
7. **Donations**—The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the following donations, with gratitude:
  - \$25.00 from Joan and Anthony Pucino in memory of Gavin Barr
  - \$700.00 from the Pettaquamscutt Chapter of the DAR to purchase books and media on the subject of the American Revolution.
8. **Correspondence**—The Library Director read a note from Rev. Marsue Harris in praise of the Young Readers' Coordinator, Shannon Darowski and a sampling of notes from children attending a Save the Bay workshop who sought refuge from a thunderstorm here at the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted-  
Susan L. Aylward