

**Board of Library Trustees  
Minutes 4/8/2015**

**Present:** Victor Posada (Co-Chair), Jeanne Ivas, Kathryn Mudgett, Christine Smith, Rebecca Freer (Director), Judy McConarty

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the March meeting were accepted as written.

**Reports:**

**Director:** The March report was deferred as Becky was on sick leave for 6 weeks. Becky thanked all staff for being so helpful during her absence. In February, some children's programs were canceled due to large snow mounds that resulted in limited parking. Website usage was up 4% compared to the same month last year. Nancy Perry and retired teacher Mededith Atkinson spoke at the Selectmen's meeting to announce this year's Norwell Reads titles, *In the Heart of the Sea* and *The Revenge of the Whale*, by author Nathaniel Philbrick.

**Financial Report:** Overall, expenditures through March are in line with expectations for this point in the fiscal year. The balance in building maintenance is just under \$7,000. Becky will speak to Dave Sutton about getting a new library sign and will look into getting the parking lot seal-coated and re-lined. She will also assess other needed maintenance.

**Friends Report:** There is no Friends report this month.

**Town Hall-Library Study Committee (THLSC):**

- A community forum was held on April 2 at the Council on Aging. A second forum will be held at Town Hall on April 9.
- The norwellforward.org website has been launched. Results of the community survey are posted on this website as well as the town website. The norwellforward.org website is a resource for residents to learn about options and share ideas for new library and town hall buildings.
- Cheryl Bryan is finishing up the library building program, which will be used to determine the space needs of a new library. Based on her research, Norwell Public Library is the second smallest library building in the state among its population peer group.

**Steering Committee:**

- The Steering Committee plans to meet on April 18 at the Norwell Fire Station.

**Policy Approval :** The board reviewed the Lending Policy Regarding Decertified Libraries. Becky will revise wording of guidelines for next meeting.

**FY16 Budget :**

- The Advisory Board voted in favor of a change in the Personnel Plan that would compensate exempt library staff who choose to work on Sundays at a flat Sunday rate. Changes in the Personnel Plan will be voted on at Town Meeting.
- Jeanne reminded everyone that she will be away during town meeting and she urged other Trustees to attend.

**New Business:**

- A candidate is needed for the open Trustee position. This will have to be a write-in candidate since the deadline to take out nomination papers has passed.
- Town Meeting will be on Monday, May 4. The town election will be on Saturday, May 16.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Recorded by Judy McConarty