

## Minutes for August 8, 2017 Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees

Falmouth Public Library  
East Falmouth Branch  
310 East Falmouth Highway  
East Falmouth, MA 02536

Present : Trustees Lysbeth Abrams, Sylvia Szulkin, Jerome Fanger, Judith Fenwick, Kathleen Murray, Marilyn Zacks, Lindsay Hopewood.

Library Director Linda Collins and Meg Borden, East Falmouth branch librarian.

Guests: Derek Perkins, Falmouth Enterprise and Jennifer Alai, League of Women Voters observer.

[Prior to the meeting Meg Borden gave a tour of the grounds. Dampness, damp smell and parking spots are being addressed.]

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by chair Lysbeth Abrams.

Meg Borden discussed what has been happening at East Falmouth. Extra hours have meant double the programs since 2016. Addressing concerns re Mill Pond: water quality management committee and J. Fanger met ; and Mill Pond is being studied. Mill Pond affects Green Pond adding to complications. The wish list is short this year; the carpeting, which is on the capital improvement list for 2020. Meg shared some input on the East Falmouth Grounds Project, and offered for consideration an amphitheater seating arrangement to be incorporated into the project. Hypodermic needles have been found in the patio area; although security cameras cover the patio, perhaps motion lights would increase coverage.

Sylvia reported Joe Netto and Bob Ripley presented proposals to the East Falmouth Village Association, the East Falmouth Business Association, and the Davisville Neighborhood Association regarding the East Falmouth Library Renovation Project. Joe is in contact with the Dept. of Public Works. The Support Fund has its next meeting on Monday, August 21 at 7 PM.

The July 11 minutes were reviewed, amended, and approved. Marilyn Zacks moved to accept and Lindsay Hopewood seconded. They were approved unanimously.

Donation information and notes were passed around.

Lysbeth Abrams wrote a letter in response to Oliver Muldoon's letter questioning content of the library's programs.

Jerome Fanger gave the treasurer's report. He reviewed balances, deposits, and withdrawals.

Lysbeth Abrams gave the Chairperson's report:

Jill Gordon is presenting, "What is Race?," August 10 in the Hermann meeting room. Lysbeth passed out the approved statement that will be read before Trustee sponsored events.

Committee reports: Kathleen Murray discussed the Policy Committee. The next date will be determined by polling members.

Director's Report: Linda Collins reported that Assistant Director, Jennifer Woodward, starts September 18. The Town's capital improvement funds will be used to replace and paint windows, to replace the security gates, and update the telephone system. Wireless printing as well as scan and print to PDFs for patrons

are being looked into. The library server will be replaced; Peter Cook has been gathering quotes - about \$18,000. Half of this will be funded by The Friends of the FPL and half by the Library annual operating budget. New carpeting is planned for the East Falmouth branch (in the Town's capital improvement budget for 2020) and a grant-funded feasibility study is planned for North Falmouth.

Marilyn Zacks reported that discussion of the Temple of Flora will wait until Fall.  
Staff appreciation dinner will be at Linda Collins house on October 19 at 5:45 p.m.

It was moved to enter executive session without returning to public session. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote: Abrams:Aye, Zacks :Aye, Fanger :Aye, Szulkin:Aye, Hopewood:Aye, Murray:Aye, Fenwick:Aye.

It was moved that public session be adjourned. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote: Abrams: Aye, Zacks:Aye, Fanger:Aye, Szulkin:Aye, Hopewood:Aye, Murray:Aye, Fenwick:Aye

Open session adjourned at 7:38.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Hopewood, Recording Secretary  
(With revisions by Judy Fenwick, Corresponding Secretary)