

Falmouth Public Library--Minutes for July 10, 2018
Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
North Falmouth Branch Library
Chester Street, North Falmouth MA

Present: Trustees Lysbeth Abrams, Judith Fenwick, Margo Finnell, Lindsay Hopewood, Kathie Mount, Sylvia Szulkin; Library Director: Linda Collins; Assistant Library Director: Jennifer Woodward
Absent: Kathleen Murray
Guests: Laurie McNee, Branch Librarian; Len Miele, Friends of Falmouth Public Library; and Jennifer Alai, League of Women Voters observer.

1. CALL TO ORDER--The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Lysbeth Abrams.
2. TOUR of building and grounds by L. McNee, followed by discussion of the need for immediate building upkeep, and a long-term plan for renovation vs. a new building. S. Szulkin stated that a Feasibility Study had been conducted by an independent consultant about 3 years ago to determine the North Falmouth community's views about renovating or replacing the existing North Falmouth Library. The community responded that it strongly favored replacing the existing building. The community envisioned a building in the same approximate location but with a community meeting room, a large children's room and flexible space for quiet study, small social gatherings and indoor exhibit space to capture the history of the community.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT - none.
4. REPORTS FROM LIBRARY SUPPORT GROUPS
 - a. Friends of Falmouth Public Library: L. Miele reported on the 2018 summer book sale which raised \$50,000; over 100 children's books from the sale were donated to the E. Falmouth Library.
 - b. Falmouth Public Library Support Fund: S. Szulkin reported on current activities of the FPL Support Fund.

S. Szulkin moved to approve installation of a temporary sign announcing the Children's Reading Garden project. **K. Mount seconded.**
Committee Vote: All in favor.
5. SECRETARY'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Draft minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting were presented by J. Fenwick
K. Mount moved to approve these minutes; **S. Szulkin seconded.**
Committee Vote: All in favor.
6. Treasurer's Report - nothing to report
7. Library Director's report - in L. Collins's absence, Assistant Director J. Woodward reported below.
8. Assistant Director's report: In response to issues surrounding consistent custodial care, J. Woodward reported that a dedicated custodian would be in the main branch with a schedule of

2:00 PM to 11:00 PM Sunday through Thursday. She also reported that the North Falmouth branch would be open for an extra hour, starting on Sept. 5.

The first Bites and Books/Summer Eats program was held on July 9 at the East Falmouth branch, serving 50 lunches with the band, Crooked Coast, performing for 137 people. The program will continue through Aug. 22 with free meals for kids and teens being provided every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday between 11:30 AM-1:00 PM and special performances on Mondays. The program is sponsored by Cape Cod YMCA, Project Bread, and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Woodward shared the table on State Aid Grants to Falmouth for the fiscal periods of 2007-2018 (*Handout 1*) and stated that the annual funds can be rolled over into successive years.

9. Chair's Report: Chair L. Abrams presented the June 27, 2018 minutes of the Board of Library Trustees Nominating Committee (*Handout 2*) and the draft slate of officers for 2018-2019 (*Handout 3*) comprised of Chair: Lysbeth Abrams; Vice Chair: Sylvia Szulkin; Treasurer: Kathleen Murray and Margo Finnell (Interim); Recording Secretary: Judith Fenwick; and Corresponding Secretary: Lindsay Hopewood.

L. Hopewood moved approval of the slate; **M. Finnell seconded**.

Committee Vote: All in favor.

The updated list of Standing Committees, Current Year 2018-2019 (*Handout 4*) was distributed.

10. Committee Reports - There were no reports from Building and Grounds, Policy, or Resource committees.

J. Fenwick moved to adjourn; **second** by L. Hopewood.

Committee Vote: All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Fenwick, Recording Secretary

The next meetings of the Board of Library Trustees will be:

6:00 PM, Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at the East Branch - Falmouth Public Library

6:45 PM, Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at the Main Branch - Falmouth Public Library

Handout 1: *State Aid Grant to Falmouth 2007-2018 (Table)*

Handout 2: *June 27, 2018 minutes of the Board of Library Trustees Nominating Committee*

Handout 3: *Slate of Officers 2018-2019*

Handout 4: *Standing Committees, Current Year 2018-2019*
