

**Norton Public Library
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, October 11, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

Attending: Brian Stalters, Herbert Ellison, Gail Robinson, Kenneth Perlow, Lee Parker, Robert Berg, Marjorie Crowe, Jane Michelmore

Absent: Lisa Daly-Boockoff, Donna Summerfield, Carlton Moore

Clerk's Report: The Clerk's Report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Head Librarian's Report: The new six days/40 hours schedule began in September with an enthusiastic response from patrons. The new Youth Services Librarian, Leslie Costello, with well-rounded abilities and experience, is already an asset to the library. Roche Bros. did another book drive for the library and collected over 1,100 books, which will be added to the library collection or the book sale. The town has been using the Community Room often this month. The Finance Committee is recommending a \$16,413 increase in the library budget in the warrant for the fall town meeting.

Youth Services Librarian's Report: Nearly all the programming this month was run by outside performers and educators. Sitting in on these programs and also through introductions by Lee, was a good way to get to know many of the children, parents and caregivers who frequent the Children's Room. They YAs and Jr. Friends met regularly through the month. A new Facebook page has been set up for patrons age 13 through 17 and will post directly into subscribers "News Feeds."

Park Committee Report: Members of the synchronized swim team and of the soccer team from Wheaton College will be assisting with the leaves clean-up later this fall. There have been no recent wedding held at the park.

Old Business: If the additional funding recommended by the Finance Committee is approved at the October 12 Town Meeting, new hours currently funded through the supplemental fund will begin on October 31, 2011. This will help provide funding to remain open 40 hours weekly and other requirements required by MBLC. We will then apply for a partial certificate which will be the first step toward certification. The new phone system begins mid-November.

Although every effort is being made, there are still no responses of interest to the search for replacing the carpet in the area from the Circulation Desk through the Staff Room. Lee has been told of the difficulties tearing out just one area of carpet, and we are considering all possible alternatives.

New Business: After final discussion of the Constitution, Herb moved, Bob seconded and the Board approved that we adopt the bylaw revisions, and bring them before the Annual Meeting for approval.

The Agenda is under examination to see if revisions are necessary according to the changes in the Open Meeting Law.

Bills: The Board voted to pay the bills.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment: 9:20 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Crowe, Clerk