

Norton Public Library
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, June 12, 2012
7:00 PM

Present: Brian Stalters, Lisa Daly-Boockoff, Robert Berg, Jill Mathieu, Lee Parker, Herbert Ellison, Gail Robinson, Kenneth Perlow, Marjorie Crowe

Absent: Carlton Moore

Clerk's Report: Minutes from the May 8, 2012 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

Park Committee: Ray Mathieu has sanded, primed and painted white risers under the steps. He will get lichen off of the benches shortly. The planters have been filled with flower plants. The back wooded portion of the park has been named a "certified wild life habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation.

Director's Report: The proposed library budget was approved at Town Meeting. We are now able to comply with the necessary steps toward complete certification. The summer schedule has been prepared and a booklet including a description of activities and programs along with a handy calendar will be made available to library patrons. The Friends have been very helpful raising funds for the library. This includes the Book Sale, Wheaton yard sale and other activities. New book bags have arrived and are on sale. The Norton Cultural Council held their annual reception at the community room which gave opportunity to personally meet and thank members for their contribution to the library. The People Counter showed that already more people have used the library this fiscal year than last year.

Youth Services Librarian's Report: The month was full of fun programming, including an "I Spy" challenge to hunt for silly objects, which was put up on the back wall by the YAs. New to the Children's Room is a graphic novel and "manga" (Japanese cartoon books) collection.

Correspondence: A letter was received giving thanks from the MA Dept of Correction Institution Librarian for donation of 150 educational videos and 50 books that were not used by the library. Also a letter from Glacial Energy describing their plans was received.

Old Business: L. Daly-Boockoff presented Jill Mathieu to fulfill the remainder of D. Summerfield's term which expires in 2014. This was met with unanimous approval by the Board.

B. Stalters has arranged for the work on the Circulation Desk to be scheduled for a Saturday during the summer when the library is closed.

The library will be closed on Saturdays beginning June 23rd.

New Business: L. Daly-Boockoff made the motion, seconded by J. Mathieu, that the library begin loaning materials to all SAILS libraries immediately. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dana F. Blandin offered to donate Ben Blandin's Militia fusil and bayonet used 1795-1799 to the library in order to be displayed in a public area. The offer was very much appreciated, and although the library felt the Historical Society was perhaps a better place for permanent ownership, they voted to invite him to display it and give a presentation about Ben Blandin's service with the Militia at the Trustees Annual Meeting.

The Town Manager has arranged to use the Community Room on June 20 at 7:00 PM for a meeting to discuss the proposed Casino in Taunton with Norton officials and those of abutting towns to Taunton.

K. Perlow is planning a Norton Public Library Arts Fair to be held in June 2013 (tentatively the second Saturday in June from 10-4). He has preliminary plans well underway. Tom Golota has agreed to help prepare a grant application to the Norton Cultural Council.

A motion to pay the bills made by H. Ellison and seconded by K. Perlow was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM until the next meeting on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 PM.

List of Documents used at the Meeting:

Director's monthly Report
Youth Services Librarian's Monthly Report
Clerk's Report
Treasurer's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Crowe, Clerk

Brian Stalters, President