

WEEKS PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING
10 JULY 2006
4:30 – 5:30

Present: Trustee Co-Chairs Kate White and Adele Wick (the latter also serving as Acting Secretary), Trustee and Building Committee Head Dale Rockefeller, Alternates Abby Rockefeller and Julie Gilston, Director Mike Sullivan and Assistant Director Denise Grimse

Absent: Secretary Tracey Graffam and Treasurer Dick Fralick

1. PUNCTILIOS

The Minutes were approved as written and, as is now customary, will be posted on the library website. As requested by the Town Selectmen, a quarterly report was prepared and delivered to Town Hall.

2. PROGRAMS

As has long been customary, Cow Day was a major success. Starring one-month-old “Marigold” from Cynthia Weeks Smith’s Greenland farm, the event was so well attended that Cynthia’s sister, our own Kate Weeks White, had to make *two* ice cream runs to sustain the masses. Both the *Portsmouth Herald*, the local paper of record, and the *Atlantic News* covered the event, and **Kate will bring in a copy of the color photo published in the latter.**

Upcoming events include the 10 July Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library and the 15 July Jason Hussey Race and Greenland Day organized by Friend Marie Hussey. Because of all our work publicizing and supporting the race, our library will be featured on all the JHR tee-shirts. Mike will be challenging all comers to chess matches, and human chess will, for the first time, be enacted at 4 PM. **Julie will set up a table of castaway library books, all priced to move.**

3. THE FUTURE

The original expansion plan respects patrons’ desire to keep the same location, to honor and save the current building, and to keep the children’s and the adults’ programs and books in a single space. However, the Building Committee needs to decide whether to tweak or alter substantially plans for better library space or to focus its energy on public support – involving more Town groups (conservation, neighbors, fire and safety, selectmen, budget, etc.) and making certain more patrons show up at the meeting to speak up and vote for the library. **Dale will hold meetings and make certain the committee course is soon set and persistently pursued.** Significant opposition to the original plan originating in church members, **Adele will find out, first with a call to Town Historian Paul Hughes, just who benefits financially from a sale of the Parish House** (it is said such funds would go back to the Methodist Church). Dale will explore implications of pending road work around the church, setting up an “idea book, studying Newfields’ solution, and further involving

architect Cass. Julie also suggested fund raising rewarded by naming bricks after donors.

The Personnel Committee, Kate and Adele, needs first to decide which position we are looking to replace and then to start the search in September.

4. OLD BUSINESS, NEWLY ADDRESSED

The Mold Issue stagnates. **Adele will call Tate and ask whether he still wants our business, with its significant PR potential.** Those air samples need to be taken! **Julie will investigate replacing the old basement carpet with tile. In addition to nagging everyone with “to do” tasks in bold, Adele will press upon Dale the importance of setting up regular building committee meetings.**

5. The next trustees meeting will be 14 August 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Adele Wick