

Weeks Public Library Trustees Meeting
January 3, 2007, 4:30 - 6:15

Present: Director Denise Grimse, Co-Chairs Kate White and Adele Wick (also Acting Secretary),
Alternate Julie Gilston, and Trustee Dale Rockefeller (arriving at 5:00)

Absent: Treasurer Dick Fralick, Secretary Tracey Graffam, and Alternate Abby Rockefeller

The first half hour of the meeting was dedicated to interviewing our first candidate for the position of Assistant Director.

After her departure, the minutes for November 6 and 20 and December 11 were approved, with and without corrections and/or additions.

Dale reported that another repaired chair has been returned and another chair needing repairs has been picked up. He is also investigating the status of the electrical wiring in our century-plus building, deeming it "borderline dangerous" and numbering the different types at four. Dale is looking into finishing up the Children's Room renovations by replacing the current drop ceiling with smaller panelling squares and lights. He'll have some cost data in time to present a warrant article to the Town for "Repairs and Maintenance" of the Library. These data were included in the first iteration of a warrant article for "Expansion, Repairs and Maintenance". Upon reflection, we have decided to separate the two subjects and present two warrant articles, indicating the different nature of our needs. February 2, 2007 is the deadline for submission, but Kate cautioned that sometimes the deadline for submitting material to be printed is even earlier. We now feel that, realistically, we are looking 5 - 10 years out for new space. As Denise concisely answered the candidate's question of our greatest challenge, "We have a lot to do and not a lot of space to do it in." At least we can make this little space safer.

January 24, 2007 is the deadline to submit names to run for the position of trustee. We have two slots open: Pat Ferrelli's (which was filled by appointment when she was elected Town Clerk and had to resign the library position because no one can hold two elected positions simultaneously) and Dick Fralick's (because he's resigning in March, due to accelerating family responsibilities –translation: children gifted in ice hockey). Alternate Julie and Appointed Dale agreed to throw their hats in the ring. The discussion of finding a new alternate to replace Julie was begun; Abby will continue in the second Alternate slot.

The Library will present its budget to the Budget Committee on Saturday, January 6, at a scheduled 10:00 - 10:30. Denise has one more iteration to make: updating 2006 actual spending to reflect the month of December, the data for which are just complete. Denise and Adele will be the chief presenters, and it is hoped some of the other trustees can attend as well.

The next meeting will be at the Library, 4:30 - 6:00, on February 5.