



TOWN OF HUDSON

Library Board of Trustees



Special Meeting Minutes October 5, 2011

Call to order at 5:01 p.m. at the Hills Memorial Library.

Attendance: Trustees Connie Owen, Robin Rodgers, Arlene Creeden, Jennifer Chafe, Linda Kipnes and Library Director Toni Weller.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Chafe.

There was no public input.

Chairperson Owen requested consensus among the trustees regarding a letter she drafted for submission to the Hudson-Litchfield News, The Sun, and the Telegraph regarding the potential disruption of Inter-library Loan van service. This disruption could devastate smaller libraries and would certainly pose a hindrance on all libraries. All Trustees supported the letter being sent for publication in local newspapers.

Meeting requested by Treasurer Creeden to discuss 2013 budget.

Trustee Creeden moved to submit a warrant article for salary increases for full-time staff. This was seconded by Trustee Kipnes for discussion purposes. After a discussion regarding the benefits and drawbacks of such a warrant article the motion was unanimously opposed.

After reviewing the staff salary sheet provided by Trustee Creeden, Trustee Kipnes moved to include a 3% raise for part-time staff. This motion was seconded by Trustee Creeden. The difference in the bottom line of the salary budget would be approximately \$5,000 moving this total to \$183,759. After discussion of benefits and drawbacks, motion was accepted unanimously.

Trustees examined the budget, line item by line item. Trustees also reviewed the mission statement, objectives and goals. Trustees discussed the potential use of a bar graph displaying the town use of the Rodgers Memorial Library and the growth since our move from the Hills Library.

Trustee Creeden moved to submit the budget as determined in this meeting with a bottom line of \$996,953. This includes a working account of \$238,346 and a salary account of 758,607. This motion was seconded by Trustee Chafe and accepted unanimously.
The meeting Adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Chafe, Secretary