

## **Hudson Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes October 20, 2010**

Call to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Slattery

Attendance: Trustees Connie Owen, Scott Slattery, Arlene Creeden, Robin Rodgers, Library Director Toni Weller, and Selectmen Liaison Shawn Jasper. Excused: Linda Kipnes.

**Public Input:** There was no public input.

### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

Board Minutes from September 15, 2010 – Motion by Scott Slattery, second by Arlene Creeden. Accepted. Non-public minutes from 9-15-10 and 8-18-10 were accepted with a motion from Scott Slattery, seconded by Arlene Creeden.

Reporting on action taken at the non-public session of 9-15-10. A motion was made by Treasurer Creeden and seconded by Vice Chair Slattery to increase salaries as follows: Betsy Martel from \$17.64 to \$19.00 per hour, Kate Butler from \$16.00 to \$17.50 per hour and Barbara Sanderson to receive an increase in hourly rate by \$1.00 in line with recent promotion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was tabled until the November meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

A letter from Attorney Hodes updated the Trustees on the cy press petitions. An order was made by the Hillsborough Probate Court; it reads: "The income generated and used annually by the Town of Hudson shall be noted to be from the Trusts established in the Wills of Alfred Kimball Hills and Jessie Norwell Hills." This allows purchase of books for the benefit of the public library.

**Chairman's Report:** There was no formal report.

**Director's Report:** Director Toni Weller did not have much to add to her report, other than the bike rack at the Hills Library was given to the SAU for use at Nottingham West Elementary at Normand Sandborn's request. Consensus was taken and approved.

**Donation:** Arlene Creeden moved to accept donations for the month of July that include 33 books, 1 dvd, and 56 cd's. The motion was adopted with thanks to all who donated.

**Friends of the Library:** In Linda Kipnes absence the report was deferred until the next meeting. Late information received – Next SHP will be held on Sunday, November 14 and next meeting of the Friends will be on Tuesday, November 16.

**Hills Memorial Library Building:** Connie Owen, Linda Kipnes, Robin Rodgers and Toni Weller met with Mary Ellen Ormond to see the progress at the Hills building. The bathroom is finished and done very nicely, the door matches very well. The room was very clean and the walls were painted and the new carpet is also very nice. Mary Ellen Ormond asked if in the future a small kitchenette could be placed in the downstairs. She also asked if we could supply some art for the building.

Arlene Creeden made a motion and Scott Slattery seconded to allow the portrait of Virginia Hills and a set of framed black & white sketches of the town done by Jan Walsh to be displayed in the Hills building. All were in favor.

An Open House will be scheduled for some time in December; however the SAU is using the building now for in-service training sessions. Committee members Scott Slattery and Linda Kipnes are working on a policy for uses that must be complete before anyone except the SAU and the Trustees can use the building. Trustee Slattery will continue to gather information from Nashua who has a similar situation with the Hunt Building and will bring a more targeted policy draft to the BOT and the SAU.

**Policy Manual:** Pages three through twenty-five were accepted and sent for formal formatting.

**Unsung Heroes:** Finalized, the celebration was well received and done for very little cost. The recipients were very grateful.

**Budget:** Arlene Creeden, Treasurer, presented the budget and one warrant article for a 3% increase in salaries. Selectman Liaison Jasper added that the benefit costs have increased significantly since the information included in

the current submission. Scott Slattery made a motion to approve and Robin Rodgers seconded. The overall budget has a 1.3% increase over last year.

**47 Ferry Street:** Selectman Jasper informed the board that the current potential sales price of the house is too low and asked if we wanted to put it on the market at that a low price and take a large loss or to have the BOS explore hiring a management company to rent the property until the market changes. It was decision of the BOT to continue to allow the BOS to handle the issue of #47 Ferry Street including the rental of the property. The selectmen will handle the details.

**Trustee Comments:**

**Robin Rodgers** – It is wonderful to see the library being used. She was in the library one day and found that many people were there, using the internet, having small meetings, checking out materials, and everyone was happy to be there.

**Scott Slattery** – Scott echoed Robin. He said he had an opportunity to just “escape” for a little while one day and found himself tucked into a corner of the library and found it to be great.

**Arlene Creeden** – Arlene also like to see the library being used. She was happy that the computers and web access were available and being used.

**Connie Owen** – Connie agreed with everyone about the use of the library. “I get such a sense of its value when I pop in and pick up a newspaper or magazine. The staff is wonderful and it is such a nice place to be.”

**Toni Weller** – Toni thanked the board for their support; she was very appreciative of the Warrant Article and continued support for the board.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2010. 7 p.m. in the Board of Selectman's Meeting Room.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Rodgers, Secretary