

**Kingston Public Library**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting minutes for July 2, 2007**

On July 2, 2007, a meeting was held of the Kingston Public Library Board of Trustees. Present were: Brian McWilliams, chair; Val Spence, treasurer; Cynthia Fitzgerald, Joyce Rossi, Vanessa Verkade, and Spencer Clough, secretary.

Also present was library director Sia Stewart.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m.

- I. June minutes were tabled until the August meeting.
- II. Heritage Center: no action.
- III. Meeting room requests: from the South Shore Community Council for 5 meetings for childhood counseling; the director recommends a waiver. The waiver passed unanimously upon a motion by Ms. Spence, seconded by Ms. Verkade.
- IV. Courtyard and Gardens: Ms. Rossi, Ms. Verkade, Ms. Stewart, and the library staff have been working on improving the gardens around the entrance; there have been a number of wonderful comments; much thanks to all involved.
- V. Plan of action following the defeat of the ballot question: a bequest has been yielding significant income for the past 10 years; trustees may now begin using the corpus of the trust if they so wish; discussion followed concerning whether to use the budget defeat as a launch for fundraising; Ms. Rossi will contact the Library Friends regarding their fundraising plans; budget cuts mean a slow down in some transactions; Chairman McWilliams will draft a letter to the Selectmen to recover overdue fines and printing costs.
- VI. MBLC statistics: tabled until August.
- VII. Director's report: the staff thanks the trustees for their support since the override failure; the Arts Fest in June was a great success; the library decertification policy will be considered in full at the next meeting; the Town Officials brunch is set for August 12<sup>th</sup>; the page has resigned to go to college; dates for the staff and volunteer parties will be September 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>; Summer reading party was held last week but was not well attended.
- VIII. Staff reports were received from the Children's librarian, the Reference librarian, and the Archivist.
- IX. Bills were paid.
- X. New business: Mr. McWilliams has approached a real estate developer vis-à-vis assistance to the library; suggestions include the creation of an "e-branch" library for commuters at the train station.
- XI. The next meeting will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- XII. The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. McWilliams, seconded by Ms. Rossi, at 9:00 p.m.