

Meeting Minutes
Easton Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Library Conference Room
April 6, 2015

Present: B. Baldino, G. Gay, T. Pajonas, J. Sonneborn, E. Spicer
Absent (excused): J. Gordon, G. Orticelli
Guests: Stanley Alintoff and an associate.

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m.

The Minutes of the March 2, 2015 regular meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by T. Pajonas, seconded by J. Sonneborn.

The Treasurer's Report was approved after a motion by E. Spicer, seconded by J. Sonneborn.

Director's Report. The library is doing well with social media, including—for March-- 192 facebook "likes" and 13,980 views of the website. And at the library, in March there were 30 programs with 493 participants. The Director plans to talk to the Selectmen about getting a hold harmless clause for any possibly controversial artwork on display at the library, in light of the incident at the Trumbull library regarding a painting displayed there.

Bills and Communications. A donation was received in memory of Margaret Dragone and a thank you note was received from some schoolchildren.

Old Business. a. Library finances. S. Alintoff from Morgan Stanley spoke with the board regarding our re-visiting our investment policy followed by his group developing a new investment plan. b. Budget FY 2015-16. The Board of Finance did not reduce the library budget at this point in time. A proposed Activity Fund Policy developed by the Board of Finance for the Park and Rec department was reviewed.

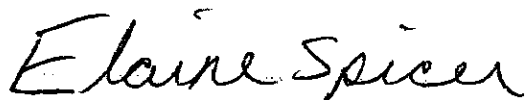
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New Business. The Director spoke with an architect and a contractor regarding enabling independent use of the conference room (adding an exterior door plus an additional interior door to access a pre-existing bathroom), for the benefit of the entire Town. The board voted unanimously to allocate up to \$65,000 from the improvement/construction endowment to move forward with this proposal, after a motion by T. Pajonas, seconded by J. Sonneborn. A proposal to expand the Children's area of the library was also discussed. The new state budget proposal would be devastating to Connecticut's public libraries. The proposed budget cuts would eliminate patrons' abilities to borrow materials from any public library, eliminate the interlibrary loan program, eliminate state grants that help support libraries, and eliminate the purchasing consortium that greatly reduces materials purchasing costs. T. Pajonas will contact our state legislators on this matter, and the Director and other board members plan to attend a forum in Easton with Rep. Shaban and Sen. Hwang to voice our concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. after a motion by E. Spicer, seconded by T. Pajonas.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Spicer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Elaine Spicer
Recording Secretary