

Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting – May 17, 2011

Middletown Public Library

700 West Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island

Members Present: Paul LaMond, Chair; Steve Arendt, Vice-Chair; Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas; Sally Gauch; Ernest Gibbons; John Grisham; Ellrony Williams.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Barbara VonVillas, Town Council Liaison; Sue Connor, Heather Huggins.

--Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.

Disposition of Minutes:

--Minutes of April 19, 2011 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept: LaMond. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.

Open call by Chair announcing Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-2, 42-46-4, 42-46-5(a)(1) (personnel matters) and 42-46-5(a)(2) (collective bargaining and/or litigation). Motion to enter executive

**session for stated purposes: Grisham. Second: Gauch.
Unanimously carried.**

Executive session began at 6:07 P.M.

Regular session resumed at 6:23 P.M.

**Motion to seal executive session minutes: Arendt. Second: LaMond.
Unanimously carried.**

Correspondence received:

**--Letter from AARP, thanking the Library for use of the facility for its
Tax Assistance Program.**

**--Communication from Becky Hanos, owner of Just Dogs, re
possibility of having a hot-dog vendor on the Library grounds,
perhaps near the Veterans' Memorial. The Board feels this is a
question for the town, with the bidding process requirement possibly
being triggered. Director to refer issue to Town Hall.**

**Director's report: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information. Motion
to accept: Grisham. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.**

Committee reports:

--Budget: Steve Arendt reported that the Board-adopted FY2011 Library budget has been submitted to Town Hall for action by Council. The Council's budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6th.

--Contract Negotiations: Addressed in Executive Session.

--Director's Evaluation: No report.

--Friends Liaison: Theresa Coish reported that the next regular meeting of the Friends will be held on Wednesday, May 18th. Topics of discussion will likely include initiatives to increase membership.

--Policy Review: No report.

Unfinished Business:

--None.

New Business:

--Discussion re Library bank accounts with Newport Federal (separate accounts for lost book money and leftover capital improvement funds). Motion to consolidate funds in Library's Citizens' Bank town account: Arendt. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.

Public presentation to, or discussion with the Board:

- No one asked to address the Board during this portion of the meeting.

Announcements:

-The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.

--Motion to adjourn: Gauch. Second: Williams. Unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Grisham

Secretary