

**Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting – July 19, 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;; John Grisham; Ellrony Williams.**

**Members Absent: Ernest Gibbons.**

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

**--Meeting called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.**

**Disposition of Minutes:**

**--Minutes of June 21, 2011 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept: Arendt. Second: Gauch. 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: Dionne-Thomas.  
Unanimously carried.**

**Executive session began at 6:05 P.M.**

**Regular session resumed at 7:02 P.M.**

**Motion to seal executive session minutes: Grisham. Second:  
Gauch. Unanimously carried.**

**Motion to approve executive session minutes of June 21, 2011:  
Gauch. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.**

**Correspondence received:**

**-- Letter from Town Administrator, honoring Reference Librarian  
Heather Huggins for her 20 years of service.**

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

**Committee reports:**

**--Budget: No report.**

**--Contract Negotiations: No report.**

**--Director's Evaluation: Addressed in Executive Session.**

**--Friends Liaison: Get-well card to be sent to a convalescing Diana Wray, longtime Library supporter and member of the Friends.**

**--Policy Review: No report.**

### **Unfinished Business:**

**--Discussion re column repair/replacement options, advantages of composite column/wrap vs. existing wood columns. Director to further explore this matter with Jack Kane, Town Building Inspector.**

### **New Business:**

**-- Discussion re removal/replacement of moribund beech tree in rear of Library. Removal likely to be delegated to Town contractor. Fifty-fifty split of replacement cost between Library and Town Tree Commission mooted.**

**--Review of proposed changes to Children's Librarian job description. Motion to adopt: Arendt. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.**

**--Motion to accept Director's evaluation as amended: Grisham.**

**Second: Gauch. 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, August 16, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library.**

**--Motion to adjourn: Gauch. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John W. Grisham**

**Secretary**