

**Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting – April 17, 2012**

**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; Barbara VonVillas (Town Council liaison).**

**Members Absent: None.**

**Others Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Sue Connor, Candise Prewitt.**

**--Meeting called to order at 6:04 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.**

**Disposition of Minutes:**

**--Minutes of March 20, 2012 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept: Arendt. 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 6:06 P.M., ended at 6:39 P.M.**

**(Motion to end executive session: Arendt. Second: Dionne-Thomas.  
Unanimously carried.)**

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

**Executive session minutes of March 20, 2012 approved. (Motion:  
Arendt. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.)**

**Correspondence received:**

**--None.**

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

**Committee reports:**

**--Budget: Steve Arendt reported that a follow-up meeting with the  
Town Council is scheduled for May 7, in order to address any  
remaining issues or concerns.**

**--Contract Negotiations: Addressed in executive session.**

**--Director's Evaluation: No report.**

**--Friends Liaison: Theresa Coish reported that the Friends' regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18. The organization continues to seek to further expand its membership.**

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

**Unfinished Business:**

**-- None.**

**New Business:**

**--Director Theresa Coish reported that there may be a small surplus in the Library's operating budget at the end of the current fiscal year, and suggested that any such funds might be applied to the cost of repairs to the building's front entrance. Motion to authorize: Arendt. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.**

**--Discussion re proposed transfer of documents and records now in the Library's possession, pertaining to the Middletown Garden Club and the Middletown Improvement Society, to the Middletown**

**Historical Society. Motion to approve: Arendt. Second: Grisham.  
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 take place on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 6:00 P.M., at the Library.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John W. Grisham**

**Secretary**