

Trustees Minutes

January 30, 2014

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Main Library. Those present were:

Burstein	Livingston	Vanderkay
Healy	Lohe	
Jones	Margolis	

Also present: C. Flaherty, Town Librarian.

The first item on the agenda was a public hearing to discuss the library's plans to hire a new Library Director. The current Director will retire this summer.

The Chair welcomed three citizens present and asked C. Flaherty to lead the presentation.

Mr. Flaherty reviewed three documents, Screening Committee Composition and Frequency of Meetings, Screening Committee Charge, and Timeline, copies of which are attached to the minutes.

In response to a question, Mr. Flaherty indicated that those wishing to provide written comments could direct them to Karen Livingston, Chairperson, Board of Library Trustees, 361 Washington Street, Brookline, MA.

In response to a question about the exact role of the library staff, Mr. Flaherty indicated that the present plan calls for a staff member to be one of the 8 voting members of the Screening Committee. He went on to say that if the staff proposed a greater role, the Trustees could consider modifying the current plan to incorporate it.

There being no further comments or questions, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:20.

C. Flaherty outlined his offer to donate \$5,000 to the library's endowment. After some discussion, it was Moved: To accept this gift and to establish the Flaherty Fund for Library Innovation. Income (defined as earnings, interest, dividends, capital gains and appreciation) from this fund will be used at the discretion of future Library Directors, for the betterment of library services. Provided that at least an additional \$5,000 is contributed within the next year, \$5,000 of this fund will be made available to be expended within the first year of the new Director's tenure. The motion passed unanimously.

A resident then entered the meeting and inquired about the public hearing. She was told the hearing was over and given copies of all handouts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Judith A. Vanderkay
Secretary