

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Public Library Board of Library Trustees

Minutes of Special Meeting February 12, 2003

Meeting held in the Provincetown Police Station

Members Present: James Cole, Chair; Marcia Fair, Vice-Chair; Arthur Pike
Members Absent: Anita Berman, Secretary; Maghi Geary
Others Present: Debra DeJonker-Berry, Library Director
David Guertin, DPW Director
C.J. Noyes, a member of the public
Call to Order: James Cole called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

- 1. Public Statements:** There were none.
- 2. Minutes:** There were none.
- 3. Project Update:** Jim Cole formally thanked David Guertin for the DPW's assistance in clearing the building and with rubbish removal.

David Guertin updated the Board on the architects' suggested cost savings measures. He noted that the \$5 million Daedalus bid has the most relevancy of the bids, and even with the architects' suggestions, concluded that the bare bones project cannot be afforded. The revised projected cost is \$3.304 million and the budget \$3.1 million. He indicated three choices: to do the project regardless of cost; to fulfill the commitment to the town by producing a modified, but still adequate, new library; or to rebid the project taking the risk that none of the bids would come in lower. Debra DeJonker-Berry indicated that the Board must seek to cut \$138,000 plus a percentage cushion, if the project is to go ahead at all. The Board brainstormed other cuts to make without reducing the program allotment of space. When it was determined that there were no changes to be made which would save that much money, David Guertin suggested that the Board consider eliminating the excavation of the basement level, possibly saving about \$200,000.

Arthur Pike moved and Jim Cole seconded the motion to direct the Library Director to write a draft letter to the Board of Selectmen stating the problem and the possible directions to take. The vote was 3-0.

The Library Director will present the information to the architect and ask for revised numbers.

- 4. Other Business:** Debra DeJonker-Berry updated the Board on the problem with the aggressive patron she reported on last meeting. The patron had not picked up the certified letter which was sent, so there may be no meeting with her, and she will not be allowed back into the Library.

Marcia Fair reported that Rosalyn Garfield presented her with a letter, received by Mary Jo Avellar, that contests the Board of Selectmen's efforts to alter the use of the John Henry estate. Marcia reiterated that the Library Board of Library Trustees did not initiate the plan, but that the Library would be the grateful recipient of the funds.

The Library Director reported that the Friends of the Provincetown Library had held a party to show appreciation for the Library's many volunteers.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19 at 5:15pm in the Conference Room of the Police Station.

Adjournment:

Marcia Fair moved and Arthur Pike seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Provincetown Library Board of Library Trustees members present at their meeting on February 19, 2003.

Respectfully submitted:

Arthur L. Pike Secretary pro tem
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Minutes prepared by Sheila McGuinness, On-Call Secretary