

**Board of Library Trustees  
Provincetown, Massachusetts**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**Monday, April 24, 2000 at the Provincetown Public Library.**

The following minutes are available on-line as a service and are not the official record due to changes in formatting for the Internet. The minutes may have attachments that are not included here in this format. The official, complete paper copy can be viewed during regular office hours, Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Office of the Town Clerk, 260 Commercial St. Provincetown, MA 02657.

Attending: James Cole, Chair; Arthur Pike, Secretary; Maghi Geary; Bonnie Steele McGhee. [Anita Berman had to arrive late.] Also, Debra DeJonker-Berry, Director. Robin Reid, President of the Supporters, was able to attend only briefly.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

No Public Statements were offered.

Minutes: Bonnie Steele McGhee moved that the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 22, 2000 be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded and voted 4-0.

Director's Report: The Director's Report, titled April 2000, is appended (Attachment 1). [Anita Berman joined the meeting at this point.] In addition to the printed report, the Director called special attention to the upcoming April 28 dedication of the new elm tree, to be followed by a pot-luck luncheon in the Library.

As a result of some new difficulties with certain patrons, the Director asked that the Trustees review our existing policy on Patron Behavior, with a view toward possible changes to be made at next month's meeting. The Director also announced May 2 and June 6 as the dates on which Renate Oliver of Trainingworks will conduct workshops for staff and for the Trustees, with funding from our LSTA customer service grant.

The Director also noted the ongoing contest for developing a Library Logo. She expects that the winning design will be announced at the July 22 Auction. The Director asked that the Trustees affirm the expenditure of income from Trust Funds, using the format developed last year, so that this authorization can be completed before the resignation of Town Treasurer Ken Learned occurs. Maghi Geary moved that the Trustees approve such authorization now, with our signatures to be added when the required form has been completed. This motion was seconded and was voted 5-0. [A copy of the completed authorization, with signatures, is appended (Attachment 2).

The Director called attention to the upcoming Massachusetts Library Association Annual Conference in Hyannis. She and Jim Cole will attend the Planning Workshop on April 26. The Director will keep the Library open on April 27 so that our staff can attend that day's session devoted to staff issues.

The Director also announced an upcoming Humanities Discussion Series that will begin on Tuesday, May 30, and then continue for six sessions on alternate Mondays.

Chair's Report: The Chair reiterated plans for the April 28 dedication of the elm tree, and he encouraged personal donations of food for the pot-luck luncheon to follow. The Chair also gave strong commendation for the work of this Board and of the Supporters in helping to ensure the positive support of Town Meeting not to scuttle our current plans for Library expansion.

Since Robin Reid had to leave, the Director reported on the most recent meeting of the Library Supporters. The Director observed how successful the Supporters' mailing had been in helping the public to understand more about our needed expansion. The Supporters are planning another mailing, timed to go out just before the July 22 Auction, to keep the public informed. The Director of Public Works, David Guertin, is going to help out by taking some of us to Boston for a new consultation with Tappé Associates, so that we and they will be able to make a firm presentation to the Board of Selectmen at a time to be scheduled in June. James Cole also noted that the debate at Town Meeting has brought about fairly widespread attention to the Library, with new focus on the Library's problems. We need to keep our focus just on the Library's needs, without trying to address right now the disposition of the Freeman building.

The Director noted that he has received a number of legislative alerts, encouraging Trustees to contact legislators about pending State legislation to fund Library needs. Some discussion indicated that recent actions of the Massachusetts House on April 13 have left appreciable confusion about the current budget. In order to encourage timely action, Maghi Geary moved that the Secretary be empowered to write a letter of support for legislative action, at such time as this Board is alerted by appropriate agencies. The motion was seconded and approved 5-0.

Fundraising Committee: James Cole reminded the Board that the Auction is set for July 22 at the Best Inn. Questions showed that it would be helpful to consult last year's auction brochure for names of donors. Anita Berman urged each Trustee to make up a personal list of possible donors and turn this list over to Jim Cole. Other discussion indicated that packages of transportation and lodging were successful offerings. There is a need to enlist businesses that are new in town this year.

Building Committee: James Cole noted that the next step is the trip to Boston with David Guertin. Our Director observed that, after that meeting with Tappé, we need to set a date so that we can meet with all of the Selectmen.

Other Business: Maghi Geary noted that she had picked up a notification of a public hearing by the Licensing Board on a petition of Café Blasé to modify their inside bar to provide service to patrons inside. She will see that this notice is circulated to the Trustees.

