

Cabot Public Library

Trustees Meeting

Minutes, February 9, 2006

Present: Trustees Sally Rushman (chair), Paula Davidson (treas.), Judy Boucher, R.D. Eno, Connie Koeller (librarian)

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

Minutes of the meeting of January 12 were approved.

Discussion of new trustees to replace Sally, whose term is up, and Jennifer Barnett; Diana Klingler will serve if elected.

Discussion of request for UDAG Grant to replace shelving. R.D., Judy and Paula attended a meeting of the UDAG Committee on January 19. The Library's original request of \$30,712.50 would have exhausted the amount available for Town Meeting Grants. The UDAG Committee recommended reducing the request so that the total sought by all four applicants might equal the available amount and all requests be granted if approved. In later discussions, the Cabot Community Association generously agreed to reduce its own grant request by \$3,000 for the Library's sake, and a new Library grant proposal of \$17,925 will be presented to the voters. If approved, the grant will leave the Library \$22,000 short of original estimates for the project, which we may have to raise by other means.

Discussion of the Librarian Benefits package. We need a letter from trustees requesting membership in the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Insurance Trust.

Discussion of Budget request to Town Meeting. We are asking \$2,739 more than last year, an increase of 3% in basic expenses due to overall increase in Library usage. As well, we request a 4.1% increase in salaries, including 3 additional hours/week @ \$10/hr for new assistant, Emily Zolo and increase from \$14.30/hr to \$14.88/hr for Connie.

Discussion of Bookkeeping. The Library now maintains two checking accounts, one for Appropriated funds, @ those approved as regular Library expenditure at Town Meeting, and another for ALibrary funds, @ which includes grants, gifts, donations and unspent tech funds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Submitted by Judy Boucher and R.D. Eno