



# Town of Ashland

## M A S S A C H U S E T T S

Board of Library Trustees

Minutes

6/21/2016 12:00 PM

Minutes of June 21, 2016

Meeting of the Trustees of the Ashland Public Library  
Cheever Room, Ashland Public Library

Present: Carol Ambacher, Carolyn Bell, Lornie Bullerwell, Bonnie Mitchell, Kab Rabinowitz.  
Library Director Paula Bonetti, Children's Librarian Lois McAuliffe, Friends President Betsy Emberly.

Called to order: 7:05 P.M.

The board voted to approve the minutes of the May meeting.

The board discussed "Charlotte's Web" and "Ferdinand the Bull" sculptures proposed by the Donor Committee and the Friends. Betsy would like the sculptures to coordinate and will discuss the sculptor with Barbara Maguire of the Donor Committee. However, the town has made a test dig of a culvert behind the library that could be a problem with the placement of the sculptures. A table and chairs funded by the Donor Committee for the area outside the children's room funded by the Donor Committee may progress.

July 9 the trustees will represent the library at the Farmer's Market: 9 to 11 Kab Rabinowitz and Carolyn Bell; 11 to 1 Lornie Bullerwell, Bonnie Mitchell, and Carol Ambacher.

Two library staff members are on leave so that a temporary hire is necessary. After interviews and reference checks, Paula has selected one applicant and a second if the first withdraws. The board voted unanimously to approve Paula's first choice and, if necessary, the second.

The board voted unanimously the officers for the coming year: Chair Carol Ambacher, Co-chair Lornie Bullerwell, Secretary Carolyn Bell, Co-Secretary Kab Rabinowitz.

Erin Flynn published a book and would like to sell it at the library and give the library a portion of the sales and donate her books. The library has a policy, of not allowing sales at the library under most circumstances. The board votes unanimously to maintain its policy.



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## MASSACHUSETTS

Betsy Emberly explained, when questioned, that the Friends' membership drive has been hampered by computer problems and lapses in renewal reminders.

Michael Herbert will meet to set town/library goals at the July 19 meeting.

Children's library Lois McAuliffe discussed two children's room programs—fairy houses and summer reading. The reading will focus this summer on health and fitness; she made a video to explain how to sign up; she spoke to students at the local schools about the reading; she explained about the calendar to keep track of reading times; finally, she discussed the raffle for the readers at the end of the summer.

Membership in the Minuteman System this coming year will cost \$25,996.11.

Paula and Lois praised Paul Carpenter and his IT team for the quick turn-around of computer issues.

Cutting two parking spaces has improved sightlines for the crosswalk. The new library sign is attractive.

#### Statistics:

Circulation: May, 12,009 YTD: 134,718 (up 10,834 items from FY15)

New library cards issued: 28

Network Transfers: FY16 3rd quarter Borrowed: 5,708 Lent: 4,756

Cash Turnovers to Town: Fees \$149 Fines \$905 Gifts \$200 (Greater Ashland Lions)

In-kind donations: May, \$548

Volunteers hours: May, 127

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M. Next meeting is July 19, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Bell