## Westwood Board of Library Trustees February 10, 2020 Westwood Public Library, Conference Room 660 High Street, Westwood, MA 7:00 pm

Chairperson Paul Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm No recording devices present

In Attendance: Trustees: Paul Fitzgerald, Chair, Jessica Cole, Mary Masi-Phelps, Wendy

Thornton, Maureen Von-Euw, Mary Beth Persons. Library Staff: Tricia Perry, Molly

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Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2019 Minutes were accepted as presented. A motion was

made/seconded to approve the minutes (Persons, Von-Euw). Motion approved

with 2 abstaining.

Minutes for January 6, 2020 were accepted as presented. A motion was made/seconded to approve the minutes (Cole, Masi-Phelps) to approve the

minutes. Motion approved with 2 abstaining.

<u>Director's Report:</u> Accepted as presented. The ever popular Harry Potter Book Night held on 2/6/20

was a great success. The Islington Branch Knitters received a lovely note of thanks from the Home for Little Wanders for the handmade blankets that were provided by the knitters. The Books in Bloom program was a successful collaboration between the Friends of the Westwood Library and the Westwood Cultural Council. The new museum passes have arrived and are being

processed.

<u>Macmillian</u> The Board is exploring the option of taking action (individually or potentially with

other member libraries of the Minuteman Library Consortium) in response to the embargo on library eBook titles that Macmillan Publishing initiated beginning

November 1, 2019. The Board will include it as an agenda item at the next

meeting.

Publishing:

Update:

<u>Staffing Update:</u> There were multiple applications for the position of Adult Services/Reference

Librarian. All library staff department heads are participating in the interview

process. The staff recognition luncheon will be on April 16th.

Budget FY20: Director Perry reports that the library is on track for the FY20 budget. The FY21

budget process is underway with a meeting with the members of the Finance Committee Municipal Subcommittee and Town Administration scheduled on

February 18th.

<u>Islington Branch</u> Work is continuing on the Wentworth Hall Project in Islington. Weekly progress

<u>Library- Update:</u> and review meetings with the architect, owner's project manager and town staff

continue.

21St Century Fund There was a reasonable response to the fundraiser letters mailed out last month.

The fund continues to explore the option of expanding the board.

Comprehensive Plan

Update:

Tom Viti would like to meet with the Trustees at the next meeting to talk about the comprehensive plan and any potential changes. An invitation to speak will be

extended to Mr. Viti to address the Board at the March meeting.

Approval and Acceptances and Expenditures:

Chair Fitzgerald asked for a motion and a motion was made/seconded

(Thornton, Cole ). All present were in favor.

New Business: Library staff are working with local individuals and organizations in preparation for

planning for a Time Capsule that will be part of the Wentworth Hall

renovation/relocation project.

Handouts: Trustee Agenda, Minutes 1/6/20, Minutes 12/11/19, Acceptances and

Expenditures, Director's Report, Monthly Stats Review, ALA Midwinter Review, Boycott Analysis, Editorial-Why We Choose to Boycott, FY21 Municipal Budget Book, Macmillan MLA-midwinter, Selector-support Macmillian Econtent, Warrant

Articles Presentation, FY21 Overall Budget Summary Book.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Westwood Public Library.

Adjournment: At 8:20 pm a motion was made/ seconded (Masi-Phelps/Thornton). All present

were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wendy Thornton