

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Conant Public Library
April 13, 2015**

Open Meeting:

Call to Order at 7:00

Roll Call:

Brennan, Carlin, Cullinane, Dwyer, Emsley, Mahar, Campbell

Recognize Other Attendees:

Richard Maki – Sterling / Lancaster Community Television

Public Session:

There were no speakers in Public Session.

Review / Approve Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2015:

Minutes were approved as written.

Reports:

Circulation: Overall, circulation is similar to last year, no major concerns.

Finances: No significant issues.

Facilities: The snow melt was gradual this year and there were no significant water intrusions. The elevator / lift is giving us problems, still being diagnosed.

The duties of the proposed space planner will be deferred to the newly constituted Board.

New sump pump, voted at 2014 Town Meeting, is being pursued through Facilities Mgr and Town Administrator.

Children's: Suggestion that subsequent reports be more concise, preferably one page.

Old Business:**Review Investment Information**

The Board wants a better sense of its options for a higher return on its portion of the Town's investments. At the same time, it must forecast its spending requirements and a range of its own projected draw from the investments.

Board will put together detail questions for Bartholomew Financial Advisors and for Sterling Town Treasurer.

The Board may invite Linda Mack of North Central Massachusetts Community Foundation to speak on the topic of Foundations as a vehicle for more flexible investments.

New Business / Other Business / Unforeseen Issues:

- Are there ways for the Board to recognize Library employees and their service?
- Are there better ways to discourage excess cell phone use or other disruptive behaviors on the part of some of the patrons?
- The Board recognized outgoing Chair and former Secretary Erica Brennan for her distinguished service to the Library.
- The Board should document the protocols involved in working with the Board of Selectmen for the joint appointment of Trustees.

Next Posted Meeting Date:

May 18, 2015, 7:00 PM

Adjournment:

8:30 PM

