

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Public Library

Board of Library Trustees

Minutes of Public Meeting March 2, 2010

Meeting was a joint meeting with the Community Preservation Committee

Held at the **Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street**, Provincetown, MA 02657 to obtain public input on applications for Community Preservation Funds

Members Present: Mick Rudd, Lyn Kratz, Jim Cole

Members Absent: Paul Benatti and Tom Boland (excused absences)

Others Present: Library Director Jan Voogd, Assistant Library Director Mary Nicolini

Call to Order: After the Public Hearings, Mick Rudd called the BoLT meeting to order at 6 PM.

1. Public Statements: There were no public statements.

2. Minutes: Minutes from Jan 19 and 26 have not been distributed and so this will be addressed.

3. CPC Public Hearing

Although many came out to support our grant request, including Joy McNulty, Steve Roderick, Cheryl Andrews and Nancy Sirvent, the Committee had many competing applications. They explained that they have limited funds to deal with this year, and gave the bulk of the funds to Open Space, recommending \$45,000 on our request of \$200,000.

Mick asked each of the board to express their reactions to the Hearing. While the library did not get the funding amount requested, there was much public sentiment in favor of finishing the restoration of the library, even from those who came out to support a different request.

Motion: Mick moved to send the CPC a letter of appreciation for making a difficult decision and to ask them for a show of support at Annual Town Meeting in recommending the approval of the \$45,000 grant. Jim seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-0.

4. ATM 2010 Strategy Updates

Jan, Mick, Lyn, Michelle Jar and David Guertin met recently to discuss two grant opportunities. There is USDA stimulus funds earmarked for rural development of libraries. We are eligible for 75% of funding up to \$200,000. The library must put in the other 25% of the funds. Michelle will try to develop a strategy for applying for the Mass. Historic Commission grant, which could also pay up to \$200,000 if we fit the parameters. She will attend their meeting in Boston later this week.

Motion: To ask the Board of Selectmen to authorize BoLT to apply for the USDA grant and the MHC grant. Mick moved, Lyn seconded, passed 3-0-0.

Also, the library has received an invitation from the Hiebert Charitable Foundation to apply again this year. Lyn and Jim will work on this.

5. Old Business. There was none.

6. New Business.

Mary told the board that Mark Downey, the Gale Fund Events Committee head, has requested to use the library for a fund raising event sometime in April. It will be a mock whodunnit, on a Saturday or Sunday and the library will be closed. The Gale Fund has been generous to the library in the past, awarding two small grants, one for "Safe Harbor" and Heritage Day.

Motion: to approve Gale's use of the library for a fund-raising event on a Saturday or Sunday evening in April 2010. BoLT waives the non-profit rental fee in appreciation of the Gale Fund's previous support of library projects. Gale Fund will be responsible for applying for any required licenses necessary to conduct the event. Lyn moved, Jim seconded, it passed 3-0-0.

Next BOLT Meeting –March 8, 2010 jointly with the Board of Selectmen.

7. Adjournment: Jim moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Mick seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0-0.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Provincetown Library Board of Trustees present at their meeting on _____.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Library Board of Trustees signature

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(Minutes prepared by Lyn Kratz)