

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Public Hearing held on the Library RDC Grant
February 11, 2015

The public hearing opened at 7:00 PM.

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman Chairman, John Halter, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Library Trustees Geri Bailey, Donna Hamilton, Frankie Scofield, Library Director Lauren Rettig and Library Grant Committee member Angel Nicoletti were in attendance.

Geri Bailey introduced the members of the Trustees and Director and explained the purpose of the hearing. She reported that the Trustees have been accepted for funding, in the form of a USDA Rural Development Grant, for equipment to be used in the library. She also explained that the Trustees are exploring alternative sources for library funding. The Grant, which has been approved, requires matching funds, which have been donated by anonymous donor in the amount of \$7,500. The Grant amount is \$22,500. The equipment would be necessary, even if the funding for the Library expansion is not supported at the Town Meeting. The plan is to expend the matching funds first and then the grant proceeds.

Steve McGerty suggested placing a funding level thermometer outside the Library to show the fund level that been reached. This would be at no expense to the Library. The idea of engraved bricks was discussed but that would entail expenses that would cut into the amount left for use at the Library.

John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to accept the private donation and the Rural Development Grant as presented, with thanks, the board approved.

Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to close the public hearing at 7:23 PM, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

Stephen McGerty