

# South Hadley Public Library

2 Canal Street  
South Hadley, MA 01075  
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Monday -Wednesday: 9:30 am - 8 pm  
Thursday - Friday: 9:30 am - 6 pm  
Saturday: 9 :30 am - 1 pm Closed Sunday



Board of Library Trustee – Meeting Minutes for

10/3/2016

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**PRESENT:** Bob Berwick, Connie Clancy, Susan Crowther, Barbara Merchant, David Morrell, Mitch Resnick, Timna Tarr, Library Director Joe Rodio.

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**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Maxine Cechvala, Gillian Woldorf.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting Called to Order at 7:01pm by Chair Resnick.

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**LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE:** The Chair recognized the efforts of the Library Building Committee, including LBC members LBC Chair Sue Crowther, Frank DeToma, Priscilla Mandrachia, and Anne Awad who were in attendance. LBC members expressed pride in the results of the cooperative group effort that made the new SHPL a reality. A motion was made to disband the Library Building Committee, with the abundant gratitude of the Library Trustees. (Crowther, Clancy)

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved for the Trustees' meeting held 9/12/16. (Crowther, Morrell).

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** Resignation letter was received from Trustee Cechvala, the Trustees voted to accept her resignation with deep regrets and appreciation for her efforts. (Clancy, Merchant)

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**DISPOSITION OF BILLS:** Motion was approved unanimously to pay the library's bills if found to be in order (Merchant, Clancy).

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**GML/SHPL LIBRARY INTEGRATION:** The Selectboard has discussed a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the town/SHPL and Gaylord Memorial Library. A draft dated 9/19/16 was discussed by the board. A concern about security & access to the Gaylord building will be relayed to the Town Administrator. The consensus was that the SHPL Trustees remain committed to making this integration effort successful.

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**LIBRARY DIRECTORS REPORT:** The Library Director gave his report; a written copy was distributed to the Board. Among the topics discussed: carpets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor were recently cleaned; a Spanish-language book discussion is planned for 10/29; the BOOK IT 5K raised over \$2,000 for the Friends of the Library; a fall author series is planned.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Annual Inspection of the Grounds will take place on Wednesday, October 12 at 5:00.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has awarded our library project a Green Library Incentive Grant of \$121,033. The Trustees voted unanimously that "The Green Library Incentive will be placed in a separate account for expenditure by the Board of Library Trustees for improvements and projects that fall beyond the normal operating budget and focus on water savings,

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energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, outdoor landscaping, or other sustainable site improvements at the South Hadley Public Library.” (Berwick, Crowther).

An individual has come forward to raise money for a tiger statue to be placed on the library grounds. The group wants to remain anonymous in order to surprise the person who the tiger will be dedicated to. The Trustees voted to approve the group’s request to place a tiger at the library, with a site near the Children’s Room to be determined by the Library Director. (Crowther, Merchant)

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**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm (Tarr, Merchant).