

**Board of Trustees of the Taft Public Library     Minutes**  
**Taft Public Library, Mendon, MA**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**

Trustees present: Susan Darnell, Amy Fahey, Sharron Luttrell, Jane Blackwood, and Leigh Martin (School Committee)

Absent: Bob Carlson

Also present: Library Director Andrew Jenrich and Ellen Gould representing the Agricultural Commission.

**I Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Susan Darnell

**II Approval of Minutes**

**November 2014 Minutes**

**MOTION:** On a motion of Susan Darnell to approve the Nov 4, 2014 minutes as amended, seconded by Jane Blackwood

**VOTED:** Unanimous

**III. Discussion of Deed Change at 131 North Ave.**

Ellen Gould told the trustees that the Agricultural Commission and the Land Use Committee would like to lease the property to a vegetable farmer for \$1/acre. Town counsel's opinion is that this cannot happen as long as the library remains on the deed. Agricultural use is not within the library's charter.

The trustees explained they do not want to give up a resource that could produce income in the future. During the discussion, it became clear that because of the deed restrictions as well as the limitations within the library's charter, the library would not be able to use the land in any way that might directly benefit it.

The trustees will bring the question of whether to give up the deed to vote at its January meeting

**IV Director's performance evaluation**

Discussion about the form itself as well as the director's performance. Susan will complete the form based on the discussion and feedback.

**V. Fundraising**

The demolition work at North Ave. uncovered structural issues in the building that weren't expected or budgeted for. That and the rising cost of labor and materials has led to a \$165,000 shortfall in the building budget.

Amy Fahey put together a capital campaign letter and a list of naming opportunities. This will go into the Jan. 19 edition of the *Town Crier*. There was discussion about the fundraising plan and the best way to encourage residents to

donate to the new library building. Discussed was the capital campaign letter, the pricing of the naming opportunities, a wine and beer fundraising event at Willowbrook Restaurant and possibly a garden tour in June. Jane will contact Colleen at the Mendon Greenhouse regarding the garden tour. Sharron will follow up with Jen O'Donovan about fundraising wall tiles.

**VI. Capital expenses**

Discussion with Andrew about what to include in his capital expense plan for the town administrator.

**VII. Updates and announcements**

The library will be closed Christmas and New Year's.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items**

The Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2014, at 7:00 PM at the Taft Public Library.

**X Adjournment**

**MOTION:** On a motion to adjourn the meeting, by Leigh Martin seconded by Amy Fahey

**VOTED:** Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Minutes by Sharron Luttrell