

Meeting Minutes  
Ashby Library Trustees  
August 24, 2016

**Call to Order: 7:12 PM**

Present: John Mickola (chair), Michelle Thomas (vice chair), Claire Lavin (secretary), Martha Morgan, Dwight Horan, Mary Murtland (director), Krishnabi (volunteer).

**Secretary's report:**

July's minutes approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:**

Roberta was not present but sent word that there were two more donations.

**Bills payable:**

Approved unanimously.

Krishnabi addressed the Board regarding her work installing exhibits on the gallery walls. She would like to place a permanent sign outdoors at the entrance to the library in order to promote the exhibits and sought opinions from the Board on the design and the approval process. Next exhibit is "The Historic Horse" opening September 8<sup>th</sup> with a meet and greet the artist and running for six weeks.

The Board would like the sign to also have room to promote other library activities.

**Director's report:**

Mary is working on weeding the DVD collection. There are about 75 not used in the last 2 years. DVDs represent 30% of the circulation.

She is also finishing the financial portion of the ARIS report.

The elevator passed inspection.

The summer reading program is over.

Creating a group of quilters to create a quilt for the 250<sup>th</sup> town anniversary to be placed on permanent display in the library, and there is a need to fundraise for materials.

Expects to finish 5 year plan in November.

Looking at two possible courses for the fall in communication and management. Wanted the Board to look at them and help decide which she should take.

**Motion:** To have Mary take the 4-day day course. Approved unanimously.

Mary is starting master's course in library science. May need letters of recommendation. Mary reported numbers of patrons is down lately and says this is true of other libraries too.

She is working at getting school groups back into the library this fall.

**Motion:** To accept director's report. Approved unanimously.

Town accountant didn't pay phone bills for elevator because it included tax.  
Mary is working with phone company to change it.

John saw Rep. Gobi at town hall to talk about the minimum wage question. She said she would file a bill that says towns have to pay minimum wage.

There are some library items stored in the town hall which need to be moved in order to insulate. The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee has asked if the library will donate these items for their auction.

**Motion:**

To donate library items in town hall to 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary auction excluding the bas relief, two chairs, child's chair, file cabinets and lights.

Approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn: 9:10 PM.