Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2014

Trustees attending: Robert Gilbert, Doug Mansfield, Don Petterson
From the Library: Library Director Betsy Solon
Others: Alternate Trustee Jim Clark

• Meeting called to order by Bob at 6:40 pm.
• Minutes of the November 17 meeting were unanimously accepted on Don’s motion, seconded by Doug.
• Treasurer’s report was reviewed and accepted without dissent on Doug’s motion seconded by Jim.
• Betsy highlighted several items from her Director’s report, among them:
  ✓ Telephone service on the line carrying the fax/fire alarm/security has been inoperative for nearly a week, an unacceptable condition. Efforts to get Bay Ring to repair it have not been successful, as the line is leased from Fairpoint whose workers are now on strike. It was suggested that we order a completely new line from Bay Ring; that will be tried.
  ✓ The “Visit with Santa Day” sponsored and paid for by the Friends was a smashing success with over 250 people attending. Santa was elegant and professional, and once again we are grateful to the Friends.
• Bob said that the Budget Committee did not approve the budget which was submitted to and approved by the Selectmen. BudCom members proposed various cut methodologies; chairperson Elyse Gallo expressed the thought that reducing 3% merit increases to 2% might find acceptance. This will require some refiguring, as corollary uncontrollable benefit changes will also occur, but Trustees felt it might be workable and asked Betsy to prepare the numbers.
• Betsy reported that because of unforeseeable increases in both the amount of health insurance coverage and its price, we have recently discovered that we will overspend our benefits budget by about $5,000. The town has requested that we remit the shortfall before year-end. This cannot be readily done, as there is only about $2,000 cash on hand, and no more is expected till January 2015. Trustees discussed several possible sources of funds at some length, dismissing each one in turn as being unwise, unachievable or beyond the scope of trustees’ authority. It was ultimately decided that the town would be given all the library’s spendable cash ($2,000) and that we would seek the town’s advice on how to proceed from there.
• The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm on a motion made and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Clark

Next Meeting Monday, January 12 at 6:30 pm