

**Town of South Berwick
Library Advisory Board
Monday, April 5, 2010, 7 PM
South Berwick Public Library**

Attendees: LAB: Sandy Agrafiotis, Tim Benoit, Peter Howell, Elaine Pridham; Mamie Anthoine Ney, Library Director.

Minutes for the February meeting were approved. The meeting in March lacked a quorum.

Update: Mamie reported that there had been significant maintenance done on the building by JEM. The floors in both the children's and adults' section were shored up. The front door was also repaired.

The Friends are meeting monthly at the York Hospital building up the street. A number of events are being planned including the annual book sale on Sat., May 1st, and Kids' Day on Sat., June 5th.

Budget: Mamie reported that the annual budget has been submitted to the Town Manager and has been reviewed by the Town Council. At the budget hearing a reduction of \$500 to furniture and fixtures was made and other cuts were requested. The Town Manager suggested that \$3,000 be cut. That will mean that replacement computers will be eliminated from the budget. Peter offered to look into what is available from Tech Soup, an organization that secures deeply discounted hardware/software from manufacturers for non-profit organizations.

New Library: Plans are coming along nicely. Mamie has been working with the town's building committee. A meeting for residents is being planned to unveil the plans and to solicit feedback about the project. Mamie and the staff are pleased with the latest set of schematics. Only a few changes have been suggested.

General Discussion: Mamie reported that due to space limitations Annmarie has begun mixing Young Adult fiction in with upper elementary grade fiction. She has posted notices at the entrance to the children's area and throughout the room advising patrons and parents of the change. We hope to clean out space in the storage room for older series books, which would allow the books to be re-shelved according to age appropriateness. The older National Geographic magazines will be stored until we move into a new space. Overall, space is a major consideration through the whole library. We have to weed books sooner than we would like due to the limited room that we have to work with.

Mamie is in the process of preparing bills for overdue items going back to January 2009.

Mamie reported that the State has authorized that the Library be included in a major upgrade of Internet service that is being funded by a Federal grant. This will require permission from JEM to put in a dedicated electrical outlet and install a backboard on a wall to attach the new equipment. This work needs to be done by the end of June or the Library will miss out on this opportunity. It is expected that this upgrade will increase our Internet capacity by nearly 300%.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mamie Anthoine Ney