

**Attleboro Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Diane Mangiaratti at 6:23 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**

**Trustees:** Bill Gill, Cindy Lorincz, Diane Mangiaratti, Charlie Oliver, Mahesh Patel, Tobey Reed, Tricia Svendsen

**Library Director:** Amy Rhilinger

**Staff:** Melissa Hurst

**1. Introductions**

Melissa Hurst - Senior Library Technician

Melissa presented to the Board her Capstone Project for her Library and Information Science degree. Her slideshow featured pictures and information about the history of the Attleboro Public Library. Melissa's work included a complete review of materials in the Library's local history collection. Weeding and organizing materials in the Trustees' Room and the History Room were part of the project. Her presentation involved use of the Library's newly acquired technology in the Balfour Room.

**2. Minutes of Prior Meeting**

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the September meeting with the following addition: Mahesh stated that an additional transfer of funds was made during the summer. In July \$5,000.00 was transferred from Rockland Trust to the checking account.

**3. Business Required by Law**

None.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mahesh presented Warrant #3 in the amount of \$4,205.56.

Amy explained that WT Cox Information Services, an expense of \$2,507.00, is for magazine subscriptions. The balance in the checking account is \$4,730.68.

A motion was made to accept Warrant #3 and to transfer \$4,205.56 to the checking account. The motion passed.

**5. Committee Reports**

There were no Committee reports.

**6. Director's Report**

Amy submitted a written report commenting on the following:

- The Capital Improvement Plan will incorporate future replacement of electrical parts at an estimated cost of \$13,000.00, and in 6 to 10 years replacement of wiring work will be needed at a cost of about \$200,000.00.
- A film location scout visited the library.
- Attleboro High School personnel will help to identify teens who misbehave in the Library.
- City Social Worker Kate Robinson has become aware of the many needy patrons during her hours in the Library.
- The Transformative Development Initiative group has offered to pay the \$12,000.00 needed to complete funding for the electronic sign for the Library.
- There was a heartwarming response to the Freed Between the Lines event.
- "Parenting Through Big Feelings" and "Mushroom Hunting" programs were well received.
- The Friends of APL will hold its Book Sale on Nov. 16 and have produced and will sell a calendar as

part of their fundraising efforts.

- The Elks made a late Library Giving Day donation of \$1,000.00 to the Friends.
- In her written report, under Circulation, Amy had an edit to one of the statistics: “Ecard registrations continue to grow (75) this month....” (Original stat was 311.)

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Strategic Planning Update**

Nothing new

### **B. Other**

- Asked about the rug installation, Amy said it is not yet scheduled.
- To an inquiry about the Security Officer, Amy said the position will be staffed as soon as the paperwork gets finished.
- In discussing a Children’s Room renovation/update, Members were reminded that the Friends are still holding Balfour funds for the project, and Charlie said state aid funds are also available. Diane suggested “spiffing up” the area, perhaps with new furniture, and Mahesh talked about getting an actual design for the Children's Room. Amy said nothing will be done before the rug installation occurs.

## **8. New Business**

Amy mentioned use of rooms in the Library for city departmental staff meetings when space is needed. The Board agreed that such city meetings could be held at the Library when rooms are available. Overflow space for city department meetings will not interfere with Library programming.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

**Next meeting: November 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tricia Svendsen