

North Branford Library Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Held April 3, 2008 at Atwater Library

Present: Marion Bradley, Chairperson
Carolyn Candelora, Secretary
Suzanne Kolakowski, Treasurer
Ron Ragozzino
Bob Hull, Library Director
Betty Thomas, Recording Secretary

Absent: Carol Davidson, Vice Chairperson

1. Approval of minutes, previous meetings
Carolyn Candelora motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 6, 2008. Ron Ragozzino seconded. The vote was unanimous.
Carolyn Candelora motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 2008, amended to correctly spell “Dashevsky” (item 7). Ron Ragozzino seconded. The vote was unanimous.
2. Library Board Report
Marion said that the strong support for the library at the town council meeting was very important. Carolyn said she thanked the council members for their cooperation with the budget issue.
3. Library Director’s Report – Bob reported that the extended hours will take effect in the next week and would likely continue through December 2008. He also reported that the town council had proposed a \$100,000 cut to the 2008-2009 library budget. He said that both staff and services would be greatly affected by such a cut. He said he worked closely with the town manager to present a plan to bring the figure below that of the prior year. The ending result was a reduced cut of \$23,000. Suzanne Kolakowski said she was very impressed with Bob’s report which resulted in the town council rescinding its proposed \$100,000 cut.
4. Library Budget 2008-2009
Bob reviewed in detail the proposed line item reductions for the \$23,000 budget cut.
5. Library Trusts for 2008 – 2009, discussion and action
Bob explained that part of the budget reduction plan is a \$30,000 contribution from library funds and requested board approval to transfer that amount to the library’s operating budget.
ACTION: Suzanne Kolakowski motioned to transfer \$25,000 from the Atwater trust income and \$5,000 from the Smith trust income to the library’s 2008-2009 operating budget. Ron Ragozzino seconded. The vote was unanimous.
6. Smith library building project: review and update
According to Bob the project is progressing well.
7. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.