

North Branford Library Board
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Meeting Held September 15, 2009 at Smith Library

Present: Carol Davidson, Vice-Chairperson
Suzanne Kolakowski, Treasurer
Bob Hull, Library Director
Betty Thomas, Recording Secretary

Absent: Marion Bradley, Chairperson
Carolyn Candelora, Secretary

The August 2009 meeting was canceled.

1. Minutes of previous meeting (June 2, 2009)
2. Library Board Report – Carol Davidson talked about the problem of having no representation on the building committee when she is unable to attend a meeting since the Town Council did not accept the nomination for Carolyn Candelora to be the second member. She also mentioned the need for another board member since there are currently only four. Carol said she would call Ashley to discuss the issue.
3. Library Director's Report - Bob reported that 400 participated in the very successful summer reading program which was supported mainly by the Friends of North Branford Libraries and the North Branford Rotary Club. Statistics through August 2009 are exceptionally good with figures for adult and children's circulation, reference questions, programs and attendance, inter-library loans, public computer use and new patrons increased substantially. Bob said that the library meeting rooms are constantly used and that there would be some later discussion regarding the rooms. He said there was a "minor drip" in the ceiling caused by condensation which he easily addressed with a coffee cup.
4. Atwater Library Construction
Bob reported that all bids are in. He said that the project with bids accepted is \$400,000 under budget (allowing for alternates). Among the approved alternates he said are windows removed and replaced, new cupola, fence on the property line, stamped concrete walkway to Historical Society, benches, a drive-around-driveway and bathroom walls located near fixtures to be tiled, others to be vinyl. He said the cost for replacing rather than refinishing the original Atwater hardwood floors is being explored, as is that of replacing the existing slate roof, also that sections of the controversial tree trunk are being proposed for benches. He said the project manager proposed that the shelves in the original building be reproduced at an \$8,000-\$10,000 cost, also that the walls be replaced with sheetrock. Suzanne suggested saving some of the original boards for some future use. Bob explained that since a sprinkler system is needed for 13,000 square foot areas, the building would be divided into two sections, thereby bringing each section below 12,000 square feet. He also said that the geothermal system has been installed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.