

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013
LOCATION: 24 CANTON HOLLOW, CANTON, CT
MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 13, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. with Chair Walter Gillette presiding. Trustees present: Marjorie Clarke, Bonita Hansen, Michael Leonard, Richard Matos, David Owen, and Friends of the Library President Sue-Ann Uccello. Also present: Library Director Robert Simon. Absent: Trustee Patricia McGarry

DISCUSSION OF FUNDING FOR TEEN SERVICES LIBRARIAN POSITION DURING FY 2013-2014: The Library Director summarized his last (February 27) meeting with the Board of Selectmen, at which votes were taken to (1) reduce the number of hours for the requested part time position from 19 to 16 per week, (2) to reduce the hourly wage for this position from \$26.50 to \$26.00 per hour, and (3) to fund only the first \$15,000.00 of the position's total salary of \$21,632.00. The library was told to "find" the remaining \$6,632.00 in its current operating budget to fully fund the teen librarian position. The selectmen suggested cutting existing staff. The Director reluctantly suggested cuts might come from reduced Sunday library hours and reductions in the materials budget. At the end of the discussion, the Selectman voted 3 to 2 to recommend to the Board of Finance that this position be created, effective July 1, 2013.

After much discussion, the Library Board took the following three votes:

1. Upon a MOTION by Mr. Owen and a SECOND by Ms. Hansen, the Trustees voted unanimously that the library does not and will not charge for public programs of any type.
2. Upon a MOTION by Ms. Clarke and a SECOND by Ms. Hansen, the Trustees voted unanimously that they opposed any reduction in the current Monday-through-Saturday staffing levels.
3. Upon a MOTION by Ms. Hansen and a SECOND by Mr. Gillette, the Trustees voted that, on the condition that \$15,000.00 is added to the library budget as new money by the Board of Selectmen to establish the position of a part-time teen services librarian, the additional monies toward this position will be provided by:
 - a. The elimination of Sunday hours at the library, beginning in FY 2013-14
 - b. Reduction in the materials budget
 - c. Surrendering payments for lost and damaged materials to the General Fund.

VOTE on Motion #3: Voting Aye: Gillette, Hansen, Leonard, Matos, and Owen. Voting Nay: Clarke.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion by Mr. Leonard, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Marjorie Clarke
Secretary