

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Marjorie Clarke with the following present: Robert Simon, Library Director, Karen Berger, Patricia McGarry, Nita Hansen, Lee Foley, and Kathleen Woolam.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a long-range plan for the Library using the results of the survey and stakeholder meetings. Marjorie Clarke thought the best way to go about it was to divide into three groups with each group to study (1) the results of the survey; (2) the stakeholder meetings; and (3) a 5-year study done by a former board member, and other relevant material. Rob Simon said he was working on the survey, reading each one, zeroing in on questions and what people said and separating them into what he considered useful categories. He felt that the survey and stakeholder meetings would provide adequate information to work on and warned against trying to deal with too much information.

It was decided to divide into two groups: one for the survey and the other for the stakeholders with each group to come up with a list in priority order. A meeting was scheduled for August 25, at 7:00 p.m. to gauge progress. Rob Simon was urged to continue working on the survey and said he would contact other libraries about getting their long-range plans which would be distributed to members. He mentioned Marlborough as just having done such a plan and Granby as a similar-sized town, plus several other towns in the area.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on a motion by Nita Hansen, seconded by Pat McGarry.

Kathleen Woolam
Secretary