

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
MASHPEE LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Carlo D’Este, Joan Lyons, Mary LeClair, Allen Waters, Mark Wright, and Kate Milde.

Absent: Marcia MacInnis.

Also Present: Kathy Mahoney – Library Director

Carlo D’Este, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Kate Milde motioned to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of August 9, 2016 as presented.

Motion was seconded by Joan Lyons.

VOTE: Yes-3; 3-abstain.

Roll Call Vote:	Kate Milde, yes	Allen Waters, abstain
	Carlo D’Este, yes	Mary LeClair, abstain
	Joan Lyons, yes	Mark Wright, abstain

Proposed MOU

Carlo D’Este provided some of the background. He said Kathy Mahoney and he attended a meeting with the Town Manager and the newly appointed Assistant Town Manager about 2 months ago. The Town Manager wanted to discuss lines of authority between Library Director/Town Manager/Board of Library Trustees. The Town Manager stated he wanted to clarify his authority with regard to the Library Director position and the Town Manager sent a letter to Town Counsel requesting an Opinion on Town Manager’s authority. A copy of the emailed request to Town Counsel, as well as response from Town Counsel, dated June 23, 2016 was provided to the Trustees by Carlo.

Carlo explained the Mashpee Charter spells out the authority of the School Committee, but does not spell out Library Trustees’ authority. Carlo said the Charter takes precedence. He said at last Charter Review the Trustees did not act to amend the Charter because the Trustees did not feel there was any necessity. However, it is now clear we have to have the Charter spell out clearly the Library Trustees authority and we must act swiftly on this at next Charter Review session. The Trustees unanimously agreed this must be done.

Carlo said the Town Manager is proposing the MOU, which would only be valid as long as he holds the Town Manager position. If he vacates that position, then the MOU ends. Carlo said the Town Manager feels he is not abrogating Trustees authority.

In reviewing the proposed MOU, the Trustees were in agreement to sign since the MOU provides either party may terminate the MOU at any time.

Motion: Mark Wright motioned to accept the proposed MOU between the Town Manager and the Board of Library Trustees. Motion was seconded by Joan Lyons.

VOTE: Yes-6.

Roll Call Vote:	Kate Milde, yes	Allen Waters, yes
	Carlo D’Este, yes	Mary LeClair, yes
	Joan Lyons, yes	Mark Wright, yes

Library Landscape Design Project

Carlo D'Este requested approval of Phase 1 of the Talbot landscape design project proposed and reviewed at the last Trustees meeting.

Motion: Allen Waters motioned to approve up to \$10,000 for Phase 1 of the landscape design project submitted by Talbot Ecological Land Care.

Motion was seconded by Mary LeClair.

VOTE: Yes-6.

Roll Call Vote:	Kate Milde, yes	Allen Waters, yes
	Carlo D'Este, yes	Mary LeClair, yes
	Joan Lyons, yes	Mark Wright, yes

Library Trustees – Annual Reorganization

Election of Officers

Motion: Mark Wright motioned to nominate Carlo D'Este to serve as Chair for one year term.

Mary LeClair seconded the nomination.

VOTE: Yes-5; and 1 abstain.

Roll Call Vote:	Joan Lyons, yes	Mary LeClair, yes
	Kate Milde, yes	Mark Wright, yes
	Allen Waters, yes	Carlo D'Este, abstain

Motion: Mark Wright motioned to nominate Joan Lyons to serve as Vice Chair for one year term.

Carlo D'Este seconded the nomination.

VOTE: Yes-5; and 1 abstain.

Roll Call Vote:	Joan Lyons, abstain	Mary LeClair, yes
	Kate Milde, yes	Mark Wright, yes
	Allen Waters, yes	Carlo D'Este, yes

Subcommittee Appointments

The following Subcommittee appointments were confirmed:

- Finance – Mary LeClair and Joan Lyons.
- By-Laws – Mark Wright.
- Advocacy – Mark Wright and Allen Waters.
- Personnel – Carlo D'Este, Joan Lyons, and Mark Wright.
- Friends – Kate Milde.

Meeting Schedule:

- 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in Library Conference Room.
- 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 in Library Conference Room.

Adjournment

Mary LeClair motioned the meeting be adjourned; Mark Wright seconded the motion; and the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Giliberti
Recording Secretary

LISTED DOCUMENTS

June 23 Town Manager/Town Counsel email.
Proposed MOU document.