

Rye Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes
25 August 2008

Present: Trustees: Joan Sweeney, chair, David Brown, Victor Azzi, Sallie Mackie, Deborah Genestreti **Library Director:** Kerry Cronin

Joan called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Budget Joan prefaced this meeting by describing how the RPL Finance Committee used the RPL Board's 2009 goals and objectives as guidelines. They then defined what people, training, and building requirements would be necessary to run the library. They also identified which line items should be managed more closely, which are associated with the economy and then, identified the source of funding for each.

With that, Joan presented the 2009 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The following items were discussed;

- COLA should be assumed to be 3 ½% in order to be consistent with the town's budget.
- Computer services include updates to hardware.
- Programming was decreased with the idea that alternative funding might be pursued.

David moved to approve the budget as proposed with the adjustment made to COLA. Sallie seconded. All in favor.

Warrant Articles Victor has received quotes for stabilizing the hillside beside the drive. Kerry received quotes for the repainting and recarpeting that will be needed on the upper level in six years, and replacement of the library's six furnaces that should be done in five years. The total of the hillside stabilization quote, one-sixth of the repainting/recarpeting quote and one-fifth of the furnace replacement quote led to the recommendation of the 2009 Warrant Article 1 request of \$35,000 for capital improvements. Sallie moved to approve the \$35,000 request in Warrant Article 1. Deb seconded. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02.

Deborah G. Genestreti, recorder