Seymour Public Library Board of Directors
Minutes from the Regular meeting – December 19, 2013

The meeting convened at 7:03 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Board Secretary, Loreen Coe. In attendance: Loreen Coe, Nancy Cretella, Paula Chapla, Paul Thompson, Thomas Schutte and Library Director, Carol Ralston

1. Loreen called for nominations for officers for 2013-2015. The following board members were nominated for office: Chair – Paula Chapla nominated by Paul Thompson – second Nancy Cretella – approved 5-0
Vice Chair – Paul Thompson nominated by Nancy Cretella, second Paula Chapla
Approved – 5-0
Treasurer – Joyce Koslowski – nominated with her permission by Paul Thompson,
Second Loreen Coe – approved 5-0
Nomination for Board secretary was tabled.

2. Approval of the minutes from the November 21 regular meeting – motion to accept:
Paul Thompson, second: Loreen Coe -approved 3 with 2 abstaining

2. Treasurer’s Report for November - Motion to accept: Thomas Schutte, second: Nancy Cretella – approved 5-0

3. Librarians Report – There was some discussion at the November meeting concerning whether the State Statutes prevail in the number of board members needed – statutes indicate number of members should be divided by three. The revised Seymour charter calls for 7 members. Carol contacted the State Library Office of Library Development to clarify the matter. She reported that the local charter determines the number of board members. The State Statutes apply if the local charter does not address the number of board members. Motion to accept: Nancy Cretella, second Loreen Coe –approved 5-0

4. Review of the proposed endowment budget with town request for FY14/15.
Motion to accept the Librarian’s draft budget, Endowment budget request for FY2014/15 $108,025 – Town request – Pages 13,500; books and materials, 8,000; Town’s cost – technology (Biblionation network annual fee) $30,880; electricity, $15,500. Motion to approve, Loreen Coe, second Thomas Schutte – Approved 5-0

5. Review of materials request for December, $6,663.00 – motion to accept, Paula Chapla, second, Loreen Coe – approved 5-0

6. Motion to adjourn – Paul Thompson, second Loreen Coe – meeting adjourned 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ralston, Library Director