Seymour Public Library Board of Directors REGULAR MEETING MINUTES February 19, 2009

Present: Kristine Bourret, Loreen Coe, Brian Koskelowski, Pauline Lounsbury, Robert Potash, Carol Ralston

CALL TO ORDER convened at 7:05 p.m. with pledge of allegiance led by Loreen Coe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from January 15, 2009 meeting approved with no discussion or corrections. Motion to Accept: Brian Koskelowski; Second: Pauline Lounsbury 5-0-0

TREASURER'S REPORT: An invoice for oil of \$6537.72 has been sent to the Finance Department. Carol used the \$4,500 recently granted to the library for payment of oil deliveries after December 31, 2008. It was also necessary to use some of the reallocated books and materials funds in the town line for oil. Carol projects that another \$3,300 may be needed for oil in this budget year. The Board will ask the town to pay for this and also Brian Koskelowski has volunteered to request town funding for oil in FY2010/11.

Robert Potash suggested that the full Board attend the upcoming town meeting to be held at the Seymour Middle School on February 24, 7:00 p.m. Carol will notify members not at the board meeting concerning the time of meeting with the Finance Board.

Motion to Accept: Brian Koskelowski; Second: Kristine Bourret. 5-0-0

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Board reviewed figures given for the endowment funds and projected expenditures. To maintain the level of funding the Board contributes to library operations withdrawals from savings will total \$27,665 for FY10/11. In recent years the Board contributed between 20 and 24% to the total budget for the library. Carol believes the Board can maintain the contribution of 20% to total operating budget of library with careful withdrawals from unencumbered savings over the next three budget years if oil payments become a town responsibility. Motion to Accept: Brian Koskelowski; Second: Pauline Lounsbury. 5-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS: Review of proposed expenditures for February was approved.

Starting a separate foundation to form non-profit status was again mentioned. Hopefully we can get this information from Jamie Cohen of the Valley Foundation.

Reviewed letter of donation from Robert Pritchard, former Seymour resident.

Motion to Accept: Kristine Bourret; Second: Robert Potash. 5-0-0

Motion to Adjourn: Brian Koskelowski; Second: Pauline Lounsbury. 5-0-0

Next meeting: March 19, 2009 Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Abbott, Recording Secretary