

**Seymour Public Library Board of Directors**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**January 15, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Kristine Bourret, Loreen Coe, Brian Koskelowski, Steve Kulas, Pauline Lounsbury, Dorie Poeta, Robert Potash, Carol Ralston

**CALL TO ORDER** convened at 7:00 p.m. with pledge of allegiance led by Dorie Poeta.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from December 18, 2008 meeting with correction noted by Dorie Poeta to amend her abstention for the November 2008 acceptance of minutes as she had not attended. Motion to Accept: Brian Koskelowski; Second: Steve Kulas Carried: 6-0-0 Kristine arrived late, therefore wasn't included in this vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Donation noted for Niegelsky Fund. Carol reported attendance at Town Board of Finance meeting where \$4,500 was approved for purchase of oil for library. The budget oil line of \$7,674 will not change. The First Selectman requested all budget requests need to reflect current economic situation and possibly less than FY 08/09 budgets. The town unions are being asked to forego raises and positions will stay status quo. Carol Ralston, Head Librarian is lauded after creating a new budget with a 6% decrease.

A Board of Finance meeting will be held on February 24, 2008 at the Seymour Middle School at 8:30 p.m. The budget must be delivered to Finance on January 29, 2009.

It was noted that the Hamel Fund will go up slightly in the projected budget. Steve Kulas pointed out that these funds have been kept for three years and they have been very conservative with distribution.

Motion to Accept: Steve Kulas; Second: Loreen Coe 7-0-0

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Steve Kulas has been unable to reach Jamie Cohen from Valley Community Foundation in regards to obtaining information about creating a foundation for fundraising. He will continue to try to reach him.

A review was made of \$550,839 2009/2010 in proposed expenditures. Motion to Accept: Steve Kulas; Second: Brian Koskelowski 7-0-0

Motion to Adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion to Accept: Steve Kulas; Second: Brian Koskelowski 7-0-0

Next meeting: February 19, 2009

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Abbott, Recording Secretary

