

**EAST HADDAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**JANUARY 26, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joanne Maynard; Patti Veselak; Bill Denny; Lucille Gardner; John Bielot; Christine Antaya; Celina Nelan; Barbara Kiley; Karan Grove; Dennis Shorthouse; John Jascot; Michael Gilroy and Andrea Pascal.

The meeting was called to order at 7: 01 by President Joanne Maynard.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** October minutes read. Bill Denny requested that we amend the minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting to eliminate the letters included in the minutes and state that the letters were sent. Motion made and approved. Correspondence was read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT, 2nd QUARTER:**

RECEIPTS: \$ 25,580.86  
DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 30,155.97  
BALANCE ON HAND: \$ 6572.97  
DECEMBER 30, 2011 ENDING BALANCE: \$1997.86  
MISCELLANEOUS RESERVE: \$15,738.36  
SPECIAL FUNDS: \$6244.02

Endowment report: Our endowment increased by 3.3%. In October the total was \$656,319.08 and at the end of the year our total was \$702,014.

Motion to accept made by Bill Denny and seconded by Barbara Kiley and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Director Michael Gilroy reported on the quarterly activities. Circulation was down a small amount but we are still having record attendance: 4505 visits with 97 new patrons and 304 new items. We continued with our community programs such as Bat conservation; (available internationally now); Leo Club based here; the Christmas Party a great time; Family night on Moodus Green; Library Lycanthropy(the study of werewolves). We offered a total of 62 programs in 13 weeks, a new record. Our total income was \$1029.85. Video is still the biggest part of circulation and adult fiction is next.

Patrons have asked again about handicapped access. We also need to complete the puzzle square floor in the children's room. We also have started to rent out video games. We

won a grant from the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge and got a grant for \$1000. We will ask about storm windows. The new direction is called the Tomorrow Project. The theme is ingenuity. We hope to add e-books which people have been asking for. Michael got three quotes for purchasing the service. Library Connection was the most feasible. Portland and Colchester use Library Connection. Some libraries also lend out e-readers. We might want to consider purchasing a few low cost kindles to loan out.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Deb Denette, Town Clerk arrived to swear in newly elected members of the board.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee: We need to do some repairs. List of needs reviewed and discussed.

Finance Committee: Budget due by January 30<sup>th</sup>. Budget amount was discussed.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** made at 8:25 by Bill Denny and seconded by Barbara Kiley.

Minutes recorded by Christine Antaya, Secretary.

