

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2019

A special meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held at Southworth Library on June 18, 2019. Mr. Bielusiak called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Stanley Bielusiak, Chairman	William R. Chandler
Wendy Garf-Lipp, Vice Chairman	Ilene G. Levine
Suzanne E. McDonald, Recording Secretary	Joan Menard

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**STAFF**

Lynne Antunes, Director of Libraries

Not present was Ms. Garf-Lipp

Also attending was Robert Barboza, contributing writer for The Chronicle

**New Business**

- **1911 North Dartmouth Library** – A discussion was held regarding the old library as the general contractor for the new branch library would need time to prepare the site should the building be moved from its existing place. Back ground information on that building was given to bring Ms. Menard up to date. The building was moved from its previous spot on State Road to its current place well over 20 years ago when Ms. Antunes was the branch librarian for the ‘newer’ building. Multiple plans were made by various people and/or groups to renovate and repurpose the old building but none ever came to fruition. At one point, there were talks by Town officials of privatizing the libraries; the library was not funded to the minimum requirement by the MBLC and had to apply for a waiver to the state for multiple years because of the lack of funding by the Town. The waivers were essential to keep the libraries from being decertified by the MBLC. Decertification means that no town resident could borrow any item within the SAILS network. The library budget for the past several years has been the minimum required by the State. There has never been any money/funds in the annual library budget to maintain the old library. It was also noted that it is unclear if the building could even be physically moved based on the cursory inspection of the building. **A motion was made by Mr. Chandler and seconded by Ms. Levine to NOT move the old North Dartmouth Library to the new branch site at 211 Cross Road. The motion passed 5-0.**
- **No Trespass Order** – a motion was made by Ms. Levine and seconded by Ms. Menard for the Trustees to authorize the Town Administrator Shawn MacInnes to sign a no trespass to keep Mr. R from entering the property at 211 Cross Road. The motion passes 5-0.

**Other Business**

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Menard and seconded by Ms. McDonald at 5:48 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne E. McDonald, Recording Secretary