

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES

BOARD OF LIBRARIES

MINUTES

Midstate Regional Library, Montpelier 10:30 A.M. December 11, 2007

Present: David Brown, Chair
 John Rosenthal
 Linda Williamson
 Susan Bruce
 Joan Rahe
 Sybil McShane, State Librarian

Senator Vince Illuzzi, Gilbert Rainault and Amos and Mary Colby were present for the Public Hearing.
Lisa Von Kann, VLA Government Relations Committee, Rob Geiszler, Regional Consultant and Marianne Kotch, Public Library Support Services Director, were also present.

1. Geographic Names Public Hearing – Deputy Ruby Rainault Memorial Highway -

David opened the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. John moved that the Board approve the petition to rename Vermont Route 102 "The Deputy Ruby Rainault Memorial Highway". Senator Illuzzi provided testimony in support of the petition. As a representative and States Attorney in Essex County he stated that Ruby Rainault is not only the first police officer in Essex County to have died in the line of duty, but is also the only female law enforcement officer in the State's history who has died in the line of duty. The petitioner, Gilbert Rainault, explained his reason for wanting to name Vermont Route 102 and noted that the main objection to his petition was because of the need to change mailing and E-911 addresses. He suggested a compromise could be reached so that the mailing and E911 addresses would not be changed. Mr. Rainault advised he would like a memorial sign, Deputy Ruby Rainault Memorial Highway, on each end of Vermont Route 102 with the sheriff's insignia on the signs. Mr. Amos Colby, retired sheriff from Essex county, testified in support of the petition. He provided a brief history of the Essex County Sheriff's office and the part Ruby had played as a deputy providing service to the

residents of Essex County. Discussion ensued regarding the need to name the road in order to have a memorial sign erected and how to name the road without affecting the E911 and postal mailing addresses. It was decided to add the intent not to change addresses/local usage to the order. **Four members voted to name Vermont Route 102 “The Deputy Ruby Rainault Memorial Highway” and one member voted against.** The geographic name hearing ended at 11:25 a.m.

2. **October and November Minutes** – David noted that Jacob Humbert had indicated that 4 members needed to be present for a quorum (November Minutes) however the Board’s by-laws say differently. Sybil advised she would discuss this with Jacob and have an answer for the next meeting. David stated that hearing no corrections, additions or deletions to the October and November minutes they were approved as written.
3. **Minimum Standards Update** – Marianne advised that the Rand Memorial Library in North Troy library does meet standards. There was a question regarding percentage of expenditures for library materials which had been resolved. West Rutland’s application and public library report are incomplete. Marianne is working with the librarian to obtain the balance of information needed. Rob Geiszler is assisting the acting librarian of the Pierson Library in Shelburne to complete the standards application. They traditionally meet standards but have had personnel problems this year. Marianne suggested calling their Board Chair and extending the deadline to the end of the year. Following Marianne’s retirement, Rob will be doing the standards and statistics.
4. **State Librarian’s Report - Budget** – Sybil advised that we will not lose any positions in the near future. We have two positions that are partially funded with Smith funds and Sybil expects there will not be sufficient funds to sustain these two positions. She has requested an additional \$30,000 in general funds to support these two positions in FY09.
LSTA - The President vetoed the federal FY2008 budget bill that contained the full appropriation for the new LSTA base grant (from \$340,000 to \$680,000), which Congress had passed.

Reorganization -There are plans in the talking stage to move the Department of Libraries from our current location to the Midstate Regional Library in Berlin. The State Archives would move to our current location. They may change our reporting authority to the Secretary of State's office. They may have to change the State Librarian's position from exempt to classified service. Sybil plans to change Marj Zunder's position to an Assistant State Librarian. She will leave this position vacant for the new State Librarian to fill. The reorganization would have to be passed by the Legislature. Deb Markowitz and Mike Smith will work out the time frame. **Grants** - Sybil hopes to have all the invoices for the Gates Grants in the office by December 15th. There may be enough funds for Dr. Rawson to offer additional grants in February.

5. Board Updates – David will meet with the VLA President, Barb Doyle Welch, on January 4th to ascertain what qualities VLA would like in the new librarian. David advised there will be a special meeting on January 8, 2008 to draw up questions for the State Librarian interviews. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Sybil Brigham McShane, Secretary