**Townshend Library**

**Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting Dec. 17, 2014**

Present were Marge Holt, Marilee Attley, Ann Allbee, Maggie Bills, and Karen LaRue. Meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m.

**Agenda Changes:**

**Minutes:** Postponed to next meeting due to technical problems.

**Correspondence:**

**Public:** None

**Librarian’s Report:** Gingerbread turnout good. Back handrails getting moldy. Fund drive already $5400.

**Pay Reports:** Signed last week.

**Treasurer’s:** Maggie mentioned that Kris recommended setting up charge account at PO. We aren’t sure if that would work since we use town tax number and don’t have our own

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**Corresponding secretary:** Ann will start on thank-yous after Christmas.

**Policy review:** Postponed.

**Newsletter/fundraiser:** Many returned due to incorrect addresses. There were some glitches in the address labels.

**Horse parade:**  Not a big turnout at church, but many horses and spectators.

**Interim treasurer:** Maggie will fill in until Town Meeting, will find out about dividend. We are not sure how it will be deposited in Trustee money market.

**Employee gifts:** The town said gifts to librarian contradict statues, but when MA contacted Brian Leven at the Secretary of State’s Office, he said he did not know of any statutes applying to donated funds. This needs further clarification.

**Employee review:**  Executive session. Status of other employees reviews to be determined.

**Budget** According to town hall, town employee hourly rate will increase to $13.65 as of Jan 1. Minimum wage also goes up.

**Budget proposals:** It is moved, seconded and approved to propose FY -2016 Library town expenses budget of $45028, and trustees expenses budget of $15825. Total of both proposals is $60,853 a decrease of $2100 from previous year.

**Townshend Community Group:** Formed in response to recent tragedies in town. Marge attended meeting today at library. Group is spearheaded by L&G principal Dorinne Dorfman. The current plan to have town event last Saturday of the month. First event planned for January with music and potluck.