

WMRLS Executive Board Meeting

June 16, 2014

The meeting of the WMRLS Executive Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by William Adamczyk, President. The meeting was held in both the Whately and Marlborough offices and teleconferenced between the two.

Present: MLS Executive Board Members: William Adamczyk, Charlotte Canelli, Cathy Collins (by phone), Tim Gerolami, Betty Johnson, Ellen Keane (1:25), Amy Lewontin, Margot Malachowski, Patrick Marshall, Bert Saul, Henry Toromoreno

Ex-officio: Greg Pronevitz, MLS Ex. Director; Dianne Carty, MBLC

Guests: Catherine Utt; Carolyn Noah; Steve Spohn; Rick Levine; Frank Murphy and Jan Resnick, Commissioners; Bonnie Isman, Susan San Soucie and John Ramsey, Western Mass Library Advocates (WMLA)

Minutes from May meeting approved. Motion-Patrick; Second-Tim. Unanimous.

Whately Facility Update

Greg reported that we are now waiting for buyer to sign sale agreement, hopefully later this week. Executive Board approved the revised resolution last month. Catherine and Greg have incidental signing power for documents. 18 month lease back period to find alternate location. A location in Greenfield was visited by Greg, Catherine, staff, and 3 WMLA representatives. Currently no bandwidth at possible location; Crocker Communications can remedy that. Office should be moved as soon as a suitable location is found. Attorney General did not object to sale of building. At last meeting, Board was informed of the USDA's assumption that WMRLS non-profit corporation would be dissolved. Short sale of building will result in forgiving \$460,000 in loan payment.

Disposition of the Corporation

Discussion at this meeting; action item for Board in July. Greg received a letter of support from Judy Clini, WMLA President. When MLS was formed, the WMRLS corporation continued to function as owner of the building and there was also the possibility of WMRLS use if an enterprise opportunity presented itself. With the sale of the property, it seems that WMRLS does not need to continue. It would be easy for MLS to start another non-profit corporation if there is ever the need for one. MLS is committed to library services for all locations, library types and sizes across the Commonwealth. It is important to have a western office for staff use and for member training and meetings.

WMLA was recognized by the Board as a role model for other entities, advocating for libraries statewide.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Motion-Tim; Second- Patrick. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Johnson
Clerk