

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Trustees of the Amherst Town Library**  
**February 6, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 1:39 p.m. by Nancy Baker, Chair. In attendance were Nancy Baker, Kim Ayers, Liz Larson, Gretchen Pyles, Nancy Head, Steve Mantius and Library Director Amy Lapointe.

The Board of Selectmen and Ways and Means Committee have prepared slides for Wednesday's Town Deliberative Session. The library's budget increase requests of \$5,298 as well as the correction of the Town's miscalculation of wages and benefits for library staff of \$30,010 were categorized as "New Initiatives" by the Board of Selectmen. It is important to note that the wage and benefits correction is not a new initiative as there has not been an increase in staffing, instead the \$30,010 correction is needed to accurately fund staffing that has been in place for 12 years.

The Ways and Means Committee incorrectly reports that the library's budget is \$1,000,000 and that the budget increases are \$6,400 rather than \$5,298. The Ways and Means Committee further states that there was no "visibility" of the items included in the \$5,298. This is incorrect. The library's budget was presented to the Board of Selectmen and two Ways and Means Committee representatives were present during that presentation. The \$5,298 is comprised of things like increased custodial fees (within one week, a person threw up on the library's carpet and another person peed on the carpet), a strategic initiative to increase programming, an increase in postage costs, as well as a *decrease* in the cost of telephone services because the library bundled its telephone and internet services.

Kim Ayers moved to adjourn. Nancy Head seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Pyles, Secretary