

**WORKING MEETING**  
**Amherst Library Board of Trustees**  
**January 20, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 by Chairman, Don Holden. Also attending were Nancy Baker, Kathy Brundage, William Cassidy, Robin Julian, Richard Martini, Helen Rowe and Library Director, Amy Lapointe

The purpose of the meeting was to address potential concerns that might be raised relative to our budget at the Deliberative Session on February 8, 2012. It was decided to promote library advocacy through the FOL newsletter and a letter to the *Citizen* and *Cabinet*. In addition Amy will have a short presentation ready for the Deliberative Session should it be apparent additional information is needed. Nancy Baker volunteered to write the letter to the newspapers.

Information to be presented should include the following points:

- The budget for the past three years has been flat with the exception being salaries and benefits
- There has been no increase in hours, however services have increased
- The town portion of the budget is supplemented by gifts and grants to the Library which include money and/or work from The Bean Foundation, FOL, civic organizations such as the Garden Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club and gifts from citizens. These gifts of money and time are what allow us to maintain our current level of services without an increase in the town budget
- Participation in GMILCS allows patrons to borrow books and materials from many sources within the system which further helps keep our costs down
- The tax impact on an Amherst household is thirty one cents a day

Those Trustees who are available plan to be at the Deliberative Session to support Amy and the budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen D. Rowe, Secretary