Call to order: 7:30pm

Visitors: 1) Patti Smalldone, Town Resident  
2) Lynn Thompson, Town Resident  
Both women are prospective BPL board members.

Correspondence: Hasskarl read the email from 1st Selectman to town residents that indicated approval of the town water line extension. Hasskarl added, “This water line will save us money when we put an addition on the library. We will need a sprinkler system. It will also help the town center by encouraging more small businesses to set up shop.”

Approval of minutes of the February 3 meeting: Purcell made a motion to accept the minutes. This was seconded by Chard. Motion carried.

Teen Issues: Gallicchio presented a report. 1) A tutoring program will commence at the BPL starting this Saturday between 10am-12pm. There’s a group of Lewis Mills High School volunteers offering to tutor Har-Bur Middle School students. Gallicchio is hopeful that the program will take off. 2) A teen website, a Manga Club planned for the 1st Friday of the month and a Teen Book Club to begin at the end of April ’11 are also underway.

Director’s report: 1) Hasskarl presented the March 2011 BPL calendar of events.  
2) circulation is down approx. 1.8% - visitors comparing same month last year are up ~7%. 3) Hasskarl discussed with Superintendent A. Beitman the possibility of having a collection of high school textbooks at the BPL. He was familiar with this practice from previous jobs and supports it.

Building: Punch List, Roof: 1) chimney pointing should be completed before the roof work. 2) gutters on the front of the building should be part of the entire roof project – currently water pours onto the concrete causing some pitting and also posing big safety issues when it freezes. 3) If weather warms up prior to the next fiscal year, the roof project will start – otherwise the capital project may get diverted to 2011/12 fiscal year. Town officials realize the urgency.

STEAP Grant progress: 1) The new Trane –Windows based- system CPU is installed. 2) Telspan International Limited telcom system will be installed soon – 8 phones total – 1 wireless.

New Business: 1) Behavior policy. This policy had been revised and was presented by Hasskarl. The board discussed and suggested a few changes. The board reviewed the policy and suggested some changes. This will be voted on next month. 2) Meet the Candidates – the board discussed and seemed enthusiastic about staging this in October 2011 before the elections. Hasskarl may form a smaller committee to work on it.

Adjournment: 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted  by Carol O. Troiani
Recording Secretary