



2015 Annual Meeting AGENDA

FRIENDS OF TIVERTON LIBRARIES ESSEX LIBRARY FEBRUARY 25, 2015, 7PM

- ❖ Call to Order
- ❖ Welcoming Comments
- 1. Move approval of January Minutes to March
- 2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Move approval of January Report to March
 - b. Copies of the annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2014 are available on the handout table.
- 3. Elections of Officers
 - a. The elected positions of President and Vice-President, are open for election at this meeting. The nominees are:
 - i. Co-Presidents—Kathy Gallagher, Debra Darkow
 - ii. Vice President—Wenonah Clarke-Smith
 - b. Nominations from the floor
 - c. Election
- 4. President's Annual Report Powerpoint
- 5. New Business
 - a. Recognition of Special Achievements—**Golden Sneaker Awards** for 'going the extra mile'
 - i. Staff: Pam Poli for her ability to efficiently provide support and good cheer with no workspace. Pam has consistently provided a quick

response to questions as well as quick posting of notices to the Webpage, in addition to being part of the Book Sale.

ii. Friends:

- (1) Phil Schuyler—a Friend who, in addition to helping with each June Festival transporting books for sorting, back for sale, and on to resale, has served as Trustee, Foundation President, and Building Committee Chair during the site acquisition phase. He walked over 20 sites to recommend the Bliss Corners location at Tiverton’s geographic center.

iii. Teen:

- (1) Nick Sousa has served as Archivist since his sophomore year, after beginning holding the new library banner at the first Celebrate Tiverton Parade. Nick has sorted and organized boxes of files and has been invaluable in providing documentation during this important year of opening a new Library.

iv. Business:

- (1) A posthumous award to Mr. Brenner of Brenner Realty of Fall River, who generously provided access to the Bliss Corners former Liss location. Mr. Brenner worked with the owner, Mr. Manny Costa. We appreciate the efforts of current owner, Mr. Kenneth Mongeon to continue that support. The success of the Book Sale has been critical to supporting one of the finest summer reading programs in the State.

v. Community:

- (1) Representative Jay Edwards has been a library supporter since his time on Tiverton Town Council. After the flooding of the library and loss of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Children’s, and all of the Teen collection, Jay secured a legislative grant to help replace materials lost. It was his first, and part of \$13,000 raised.
- (2) Senator Wally Felag has provided a legislative grant to the library each year he has held that office. His grants have provided essential staffing during the summer, when, because of space constraints at Essex, staff were hosting programs at the schools and at the Knights of Columbus.

Together, they worked with the rest of Tiverton’s State legislators to ensure that language for the 50% construction funding match remained in place for Tiverton, which had been in the queue for that funding and working on site acquisition and funding for over 30 years. Without them we would have lost library service in Tiverton—a 200 year legacy.

6. Drawing for the Kindle Fire HDL

Adjournment

