



SERVICES COMMITTEE

November 14, 2007

PRESENT: LouAnne Lundgren, Mary Muller, Lois Prenovost, Philip Ritter, Heidi Fuge

EXCUSED: Erin Apostol

ABSENT: Michael Borges, Robert Jaquay

Due to lack of a quorum, the Committee could only discuss the following items:

I. VARIANCE REQUESTS FROM STEPHENTOWN and BRUNSWICK

Committee members discussed the Variance requests. P. Ritter noted that the Request must be submitted now to the Division of Library Development (DLD) and therefore the Committee should bring them before the Board of Trustees for action.

The Committee members present reviewed the Variance Requests from Stephentown and Brunswick. Stephentown will be in compliance with the Minimum Standards by the end of the year. Brunswick is still working on the appropriate building and location and this is at least the 10th year that they have requested a Variance. P. Ritter reported that he met with the Brunswick Library Trustees and the Town Board and he felt that in 2008 Brunswick should be able to make some significant progress: they have a building they are considering; they have funds in their budget for a building project; they have been promised a member item from Joe Bruno; and they have contracted with Libby Post to conduct a fundraising campaign. P. Ritter outlined the following steps that would be taken if DLD did not accept a Variance Request:

1. DLD would send a formal warning to the library;
2. DLD would conduct a review of the library's registration;
3. DLD would suspend the library's registration and the library would no longer be eligible for state aid;
4. DLD would revoke the registration issued by the Commissioner of Education and the library would no longer be eligible to receive any local public funds;
5. DLD would remove the library's Board of Trustees;
6. DLD would suspend the library's Charter.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee members agreed to make the deadline for receipt of the Awards nominations the same as that chosen by the Administration Committee: Monday, February 25th.

Heidi A. Fuge
11/16/07