

October 13, 1937.

Present Mr. Wells and Mr. Montague.

Agreed to order periodicals and newspapers for 1938 from Foley's News as we have for a number of years, and that the list to be ordered be left to the Librarian to decide.

The question of pensions for Library employees was discussed, as there was a question whether the Town would pay pensions on salaries paid by the income from the Edwards Bequest. Mr. Wells said he would find out how that could best be arranged.

November 10th, 1937.

Present Mr. Montague.

December 8, 1937.

Present Mr. Wells.

January 12, 1938.

Present Mr. Rice and Mr. Laliberte and Mrs. Smith.

Voted- To approve the report of the Librarian and the Library report.

Voted - To grant the Librarian three months leave of absence.

Voted- To have an expert accountant go over the books and bills of the Edwards Bequest income

and the Bradford Fund income, Wallace Jodrey suggested. Jana Bingley expects to resign from the Library some time in May- voted- that Elizabeth Sutcliffe be engaged in her place as a Library assistant with the same salary, 40¢ an hour.

Voted- To give Miss Bamford sixty dollars a year increase in salary.

Miss Miersch to consult with Mr. Desrosier, Town accountant about payment of her salary during her three months leave of absence, so arranged as to give her the Town pension.

Gertrude Smith

February 9, 1938.

Present Mrs. Smith and Messrs. Montague and Laliberte.

Report of W.W. Jodrey read, approving the books and bills for 1937 of the Edwards Bequest and Bradford Fund incomes.

Voted- That two signatures are sufficient on bills during March, April and May.

Mr. Seaver Rice to see about elms being sprayed at the proper time. Also about fertilizing and rolling the Library lawns.

Coal to be ordered for next winter from Southbridge Coal Co. as usual.

Gertrude W. Smith

March 9, 1938

Present Messrs. Wells, Montague & Rice.

Signed bills.

Mr. Wells O.K.ed "Social justice"- periodical Mr. Rutcho wished to put into the reading-room.

April 13, 1938

Present Messrs. Laliberte and Rice.

Mr. Wells came a few days later and suggested that Mr. John Clarke be consulted concerning the possibility of the W.P.A. painting the interior of the Library.

May 11, 1938.

Present Messrs. Laliberte.

Discussed the W.P.A. project- did not consider it advisable (Mr. Clarke reported- "No first class painters on the list at present- W.P.A. furnishes labor only; no equipment or materials. Men work only enough hours to make a living wage- average three days a week- takes four or five weeks for movement of application.

June 8, 1938

Present Messrs. Wells, Montague, Rice & Mrs. Smith.

September 16, 1938.

Present Mrs. Smith and Mr. Laliberte.

Librarian reported that all floors had been cleaned and waxed during the summer; that the vacuum cleaner had been overhauled and the motor rewound.

Clara McMaster has been engaged to take the place of Jana Bingley, who resigned in May as she was getting married; it is very busy in the Library.

Muriel Price asked for more pay; has worked for five years full time- had worked for three years before that by the hour. Decided to pay her eight cents an hour additional from the Edwards Bequest income.

Decided that the Library should be open on Sundays, beginning with the 9th or 16th, depending on the weather.

October 12, 1938.

Present Mrs. Smith and Messrs. Wells, Rice, Montague, LeClair and Laliberte.

Discussed of \$100,000 left to the Library by the will of Miss Grace Edwards; also Miss Edwards' private library.

Discussed the trees on the Library grounds which had been pulled up and broken off by the hurricane.

Voted- To order the periodicals and newspapers for 1939 from Foley's News.

Voted- To accept the bequest to the Library of \$100,000 and the private library of Miss Edwards under the will of Grace M. Edwards, late of Boston.

Gertrude Smith Sec.

November 9, 1938.

Present Mrs. Smith and Messrs. Montague and LeClair.

Voted- To send a copy of the Vote of October 12th accepting the bequest of \$100,000 and the library of Miss Edwards under the will of Grace M. Edwards, late of Boston, to Ely, Bradford, Thompson & Brown of Boston.

Discussed the removal by the Town of the elm tree in the Library yard, said tree having been taken down by the Tree warden, but the root left in the ground.

December 14, 1938.

Present Messrs. Wells, Montague, Rice and LeClair.

Voted- That the Library should be closed both on Sunday, Christmas Day and Monday, December 26th.

Voted- That the Trust Fund accounts for 1938 should be audited by Wallace Jodrey, Expert Accountant.

The budget for the Library for 1939 was discussed, and it was decided that Mr. Montague should appear before the Finance Committee to explain the needs of the Library- the budget for 1939 having been previously sent to the Town Accountant for the Committee.

It was also decided that the Finance Committee should be reminded that the Library should be painted.

Decided that Mrs. Smith, Secretary of the Trustees, should write a letter to the Finance Committee advising them that the Library would be unable to pay its

November and December electric and gas bills, asking the Finance Committee what action they advised.

January 11, 1939.

Present Messrs. Montague, Rice & LeClair.

Report of the Library for 1938, including the report of the Librarian, read and accepted for printing.

Decided to continue buying technical books from the income of the Bradford Bequest.

February 8, 1939.

Present Messrs. Wells, Laliberte, Montague, Rice & Leclair, and Mrs. Smith.

Voted- To grant Miss Miersch leave of absence for the month of March, her salary for that month to be turned into the Trust Funds.

Discussed the elm trees- should be pruned, sprayed and fertilized in the spring- Mr. Rice to see whether the Town will do it; if not, Wilbur Wilson is to do it.

March 8, 1939

Gertrude Smith
Sec.

Present Messrs. Laliberte, Wells and Montague.

Discussed- Town Counsel came to get facts about the Library gifts and Trusts from the Edwards family.

April 12, 1939

Present Messrs. Wells, Laliberte, Montague and Mrs. Smith.

Discussed- Gifts and Trusts from the Edwards family to