

PELHAM LIBRARY

Director's Report: March '10

This month has been dominated by my commuting to Boston for my instructor training. It's resulted in six day work weeks with one day of studying. However, there have been important developments.

The Pelham Energy Committee has reconvened. There is the possibility of a ~\$300,000 grant to the town for a hybrid wood pellet /oil heat system with significant improvements to the roof. There have been two meetings of the committee and a special meeting with the select board and representatives from DOER as well as informal updates to the constantly changing situation. There will be an informational meeting at the school 3/23/10 and a special town meeting 3/30/10 to vote on funding the project.

Pelham has challenged Shutesbury to a Lawn Triathlon to settle long standing disputes and a history of slights.

A general project is undergoing to improve the communication between the school and town libraries. As such there is a proposal to reconvene the committee oversee the union of the libraries. This would involve inviting back the original committee members and having a few new people.

General Administration

- February circ numbers show continued positive trend.
- Please see warrant
- See Web page info
- Massachusetts Rider Education Coach wraps up this weekend. Phew!
- KOHA migration to take place June,1
- FY11 Budget is on track.
- Energy Committee working hard on new boiler and roof. This is extremely important to me as a legacy project. Please come to 3-23 and 3-30 meetings
- Paperbacks have been removed from system, now how to implement take it or leave it?
- Dog tag money, turns out it belongs to the school.

Staff & Volunteers

- Ann McNeal continuing to work on website.
- Pelham School library relations dialog ongoing.
- Jodi Levine will be taking an expanded role as Youth Services Librarian. We're discussing how that will work. I hope to give her a 2011 budget for programs and books.
- Ashley will be working on a children's movie night.
- Sally, as ever, seems happy.
- Staff meeting in April, I promise.
- I gave up on ordering magazines ourselves this year. With the deadline approaching I realized I had gone about it all wrong. I'll try and implement this for 2011.
- Currently writing a Gneiss News

Systems & Facilities

- Instant hot water installed in community room.
- Rick has prepared a quote for a 2011 warrant item for the doors. Doors will be single with a double main entrance.

- WiFi upgrade. Parts ordered.

Programs & Events

- Six weeks of Yoga, ongoing through Feb. Continues for six additional weeks.
- Friend's Pelham v. Shutesbury challenge.
- Mushroom log thing again for next spring ordered logs, now set date
- Library Legislative breakfast, amazing success.
- Story hour soldiers on with good results.
- Carbon Watch hosting monthly meetings, pretty good attendance.
- Lori Sunshine will almost certainly start children's music hour at some point in calendar year 2010. Details to follow.