



## **BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Bethel Public Library Board of Directors

Monday, September 28, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

Cady Morse Conference Room – Bethel Library

**PRESENT:** Tia Murphy, Chair, Richard Merritt, Mary Spain, Ted Stevenson, Linda Curtis, Gary Passineau, Lisa Johnson, Robin Grubbard. Lynn Rosato, Library Director. Terri Rotella joined the meeting at 6:34 PM.

**ABSENT WITH NOTICE:** Mary O'Leary, Robin Kahn, Robert Zupperoli.

**ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE:**

**VISITORS:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** T. Murphy, Chair, received correspondence from the Freedom of Information Commission concerning a complaint from Paula Antolini, photographer, blogger and newsperson of her own website. The complaint alleges a Freedom of Information Act violation against L. Rosato, Director of the Bethel Public Library, and the Bethel Public Library. Chair Murphy circulated the correspondence with the members of the Board. Discussion. Chair Murphy indicated that M. Lawlor, Bethel Town Attorney, has been apprised of the correspondence and it is within his jurisdiction to handle the matter unless he assigns other counsel. The correspondence from the Freedom of Information Commission states that a notice of hearing, in order to show cause, will be sent to all parties involved, informing them of the date, time and place of hearing. In the interim, Thomas A. Hennick from the staff of the Freedom of Information Commission has been assigned as the ombudsman for this case. The role of the ombudsman is to work with both parties to effect settlement of said complaint, where possible, in an effort to avoid the delays required for unnecessary hearings and the expense involved. All parties involved may contact T. A. Hennick directly regarding the case, per the contact information provided in the correspondence. All correspondence sent to the Commission, irrespective of information shared with the ombudsman, must be copied to all parties involved. L. Rosato has been in contact with both T. Hennick and M. Lawlor.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from Meeting of August 24, 2015:** Chair Murphy asked if there were any changes to the Bethel Public Library Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2015. T. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes. L. Curtis seconded. All in favor. R. Grubbard and T. Rotella abstained as neither were present at the August 24, 2015 meeting.

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