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From: barbfredp1@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Gordon, Lily; alanlgordon@comcast.net; pete_suejohnson@verizon.net; Green, Esme; marie.royea@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Goodnow Library

Hi All,

As you requested, below is the email that I received from Bob re his email to Town Council.

Barbara

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Iuliano <robert_iuliano@post.harvard.edu>
To: bsaintandre <bsaintandre@k-plaw.com>
Cc: Chuck Woodard <woodardcc@gmail.com>; Barbara <barbfredp1@aol.com>; Rodrigues, Melissa <rodriguesm@sudbury.ma.us>
Sent: Mon, Jan 2, 2017 1:07 pm
Subject: Goodnow Library

Dear Barbara,

I am writing in my capacity as chair of the Goodnow Library Board of Trustees.

As you may have heard from Chuck or Melissa, the Library Trustees are considering a suggestion you made when you visited with us several months ago -- asking the voters to clarify the meaning of the Charter. I'm writing now to seek your advice on three related issues: (1) what steps do we need to take put the question to the community in a way that conforms to the requirements imposed by state law to amend the Charter? For example, does the question just go to Town Meeting? On a ballot during an election? When and how does the state get involved?; (2) what role, if any, does or should the Town play?; and (3) what language would you recommend for the Charter?

On the third, I was considering something along the lines of: "Nothing in this charter should be construed to abridge the rights and responsibilities of the Goodnow Library Trustees, including those set forth in Mass. Gen. L. ch. 78." I'm not entirely sure where in the Charter the proposed clarification should be inserted -- perhaps Part VI, Section 14?

I should note that Chuck and the BOS are considering whether it might be possible to mediate the differences of view between the Town and the Library. I believe we need to move in parallel, however, given the deadlines for getting an article on the warrant for the next town meeting, assuming that's the first step in the clarification process.

Thanks, and Happy New Year.

Bob



Massachusetts Libraries

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

December 8, 2016

Robert Iuliano, Trustee Chair
Goodnow Public Library
21 Concord Rd.
Sudbury, MA 01776

re: Goodnow Public Library

On December 1, 2016, the Board of Library Commissioners certified the Town of Sudbury to participate in the FY2017 State Aid to Public Libraries Program. In doing so, the Board reviewed the library's FY2016 compliance with Minimum Standards for Free Public Library Service and the municipality's FY2017 compliance with the Municipal Appropriation Requirement.

For FY2017, there will be two State Aid to Public Libraries award payments. Each payment will represent approximately half of the total annual award, depending on budget conditions.

In the next few weeks, the State Treasurer's office will issue the first State Aid to Public Libraries award payment to the Town of Sudbury in the following amounts as an electronic transfer:

FY2017 Library Incentive Grant (LIG)	\$ 6,100.44
FY2017 Municipal Equalization Grant (MEG)	\$ 2,081.38
FY2017 Nonresident Circulation Offset (NRC)	\$ 5,613.25
Total	\$ 13,795.07

The second payment will be sent to the Town of Sudbury by the last quarter of FY2017.

Multiple payments are necessary due to the state's incremental allotment of State Aid to Public Library funds for distribution to cities and towns throughout the year.

State Aid to Public Libraries may not be used toward meeting the Municipal Appropriation Requirement, as stated in Chapter 133, Acts of 2016 of the Massachusetts Legislature. Annual state budget language also requires that "any payment made under this item shall be deposited with the treasurer of the city or town and held as a separate account and shall be expended by the public library of such city or town without appropriation" (Ch. 133, Acts of 2016).

Sincerely,

Dianne L. Carty
Director

Enclosures: Ch. 133, Acts of 2016, FY2017 State Aid to Public Libraries Fact Sheet
cc: Goodnow Public Library, Sudbury
Treasurer, the Town of Sudbury

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