**Western Massachusetts Library Advocates**Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2016  
Location: South Hadley Public Library

In attendance: Michael Moran, Betty Johnson, Joe Rodio, Deb Kern, Eliza Langhans, Lynn Coakley, Mary Anne Antonellis, Nora Blake.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Betty Johnson at 9:35 AM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the September 22, 2016 meeting in Colrain were approved with minor corrections (motion Rodio, second Langhans) – vote 6-0-2.

Treasurer’s Report: Report from Deb Kern. Balance is $8,544.

Membership Report: Report from Deb Kern. Motion made to transition email list from Constant Contact to Mail Chimp (Rodio, Blake) – vote unanimous in favor.

New Secretary Volunteer: After discussion, Mary Anne Antonellis was appointed WMLA Secretary, motion made (Rodio, Blake) – vote unanimous in favor.

Advocacy: Meetings with Reps. Kulik and Smola indicate that robo-calls and robo-emails really don’t make a big impact on legislators, who respond to a more local approach. The topic of coordination with the Massachusetts Municipal Association was brought up again. There was discussion to apply a new focus and vision to the legislative breakfasts this year.

Critique Annual Meeting: Some members felt the information from the speaker was a bit dated and superficial, although the presenter was very personable. There was discussion of approaching Matthew Dicks for the Spring 2017 meeting.

Membership Outreach: no report.

Announcements: none.

New Business: Lynn Coakley will investigate the arrangements for the Legislative Day bus to Boston.

Unfinished Business: None.

Next Meeting: Dec. 15 at MLS-Northampton.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made at 12:05 (Kern, Antonellis) – vote unanimous in favor.