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Report on Woodstock Library Board Visit

Last night, April 18, I [Stuart Auchincloss] visited the Woodstock Library Board at their request. I was on the Agenda under New Business so I came near the end and had a chance to watch the entire meeting until the Board went into executive session at the very end.

To be expected, most of the meeting was devoted to details of their construction project, remodeling the building they have purchased from office use to public library use. Details, details, details. I have the impression that they have good advisors and are moving along well. In the Director's Report she mentioned recent staff turnover, including Amy Battaglia leaving Woodstock to take a Tech Support job with MHLS.

When it came my turn I thanked them for their help with advocacy for the library budgets in Albany. Next I told them a bit about MHLS Board service since we are looking for a new board member from Ulster County since Heather became employed by the Hurley Library. I finished by talking up the opportunities for trustee education MHLS offers. One member of the Board asked me how to get back to one of the After Parties she was viewing and wanted to return to. She said that she particularly liked the free form format of the session. I told her I didn't know exactly how to get back to where she had been and suggested that she send Laurie Shedrick, whose address could be found on the MHLS website, an email to inquire.

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