

Barrington Public Library  
Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes APPROVED  
April 19, 2022

**Present:** Trustees: Leigh Elliott, chair, Susan Frankel, Karolina Bodner, Robert Drew, Karen Towne, Susan Gaudiello. Absent: Lydia Cupp. Trustee Alternates, Sam Ronda and Melanie Haley. Library Director, Melissa Huette. Select Board Representative, George Bailey.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Chair Leigh Elliott.

Susan made a motion to approve the public meeting minutes from March 15, 2022, seconded by Karen, and the motion was passed.

**Donations:** Susan G. made a motion to accept donations of \$366.43, seconded by Susan F. and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan presented the Treasurer's Report. She also reported that the \$50,000 bond will mature in Aug 2022. She is continuing to research how to redeem the bond, and best options for reinvestment. Susan G. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Robert, and it was passed.

**Public Comment:** George announced that progress on the new Town Hall is on schedule and it is expected to be completed by October 2022. The Select Board approved board members of various committees including our new Library Trustee, who will fill in Lindsey Maziarz's vacant position, Susan Gaudiello, and Alternates Sam Ronda and Melanie Haley. He also discussed the issue of enforcing the Town law stating that cars parked on the side of the road should not cross the solid line.

**Friends Report:** Melissa reported from the Friends' minutes that the Plant Sale Fundraiser will take place at the same Rt. 9 location in the Catholic Church parking lot. Volunteers are needed on June 3 at 2:00 for the set up, and during the sale Sat., June 4 from 8 to 12 am. Please let Lydia know if you have plants to donate that need to be dug up and/or potted. The Friends have written a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining their role and will be sharing it with the Trustees and the Foundation.

**Foundation update:** Leigh announced that she has resigned from the Foundation Board. Information and community input continues to be collected on options for a new library. Karen announced that as part of the Tricentennial Celebration, the Foundation will have a Wheel of Fortune game for kids with library related information. Their next meeting will be May 3, 2022.

\*Melissa announced that Jack Gale has started a new Face Book page, FYI Barrington, to improve community communication and hopefully increase civic engagement. It will be a source listing relevant state and local government and public meetings, local news, events and contacts. It will only provide listings and not allow public comments.

**Director's report:**

\*Susan G. made a motion to open both bathrooms to the public as unisex, seconded by Robert and the motion passed.

\*Leigh made a motion to allow volunteers to resume helping in the library, seconded by

Robert, and the motion passed.

\*Melissa reported that the April 11 staff meeting and professional development day went well and was very useful. One staff member was out sick and will be informed about the proceedings. Staff expressed great interest in CPR/first aid training, and Melissa will research availability through the Barrington Chief Walker. The next Professional Development Day will be held at the end of August or early September after the Summer Reading Program.

\*Tuition Reimbursement Policy: Susan F., Robert and Melanie were appointed to a special committee to review our 2012 Personnel Policy and the findings of a survey of tuition reimbursement policies of other NH libraries, and how they are funded.

\*The septic system repairs were completed faster than expected and went smoothly aided by constant communication between our Library and Recreation Department Directors.

\*The meeting room is now open again to the public and events and groups are being scheduled.

### **Old business:**

The Rec Department and Library Trustees are working on an agenda for a meeting to discuss space needs and possible building projects. Questions will be exchanged ahead of time to help guide the discussion and a date will be set.

\*Trustees are reminded that registration is due April 22 for the NHLTA Conference on May 10. Confirmation should be sent to Melissa and she will send the fees to NHLTA.

\*Trustee Board nominations:

Susan G. made a motion to elect a slate of officers as follows:

Susan G.: Chair,

Leigh: Vice Chair,

Susan F.: Treasurer,

Karolina: Secretary.

Robert seconded the motion and it passed.

### **New Business:**

Susan F. made a suggestion that it would be beneficial for the Trustee Board to establish connections with local representatives and leaders by sending the Library's e-newsletter and inviting them to special Library events, such as the opening and closing of the Summer Reading Program. All agreed that it would increase important communication. Leigh mentioned that this would be good outreach and that she would like to be involved.

Susan F. made a motion to spend up to \$300 to cover the cost of 2 books each, chosen from the May NH Book Awards, to include one graphic novel, for 8 student bags for the combined School Foundation and End 68 Hours of Hunger summer program. The motion was seconded by Karen and was passed.

8:34 Susan F. made a motion to go into a Non-Public Session according to RSA C91-A:3,IIc, seconded by Robert and the motion passed.

9:06 Susan G. made a motion to leave Non-Public Session, seconded by Leigh and the motion passed.

9:07 Susan F made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert and the motion passed.

**Next meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:30pm**

Meeting Minutes recorded by Karolina Bodner, secretary.