

Barrington Public Library  
Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes APPROVED  
March 15, 2022

The Trustee meeting was held in person at the Barrington Library with zoom option available.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm by Chair Leigh Elliott.

\*Susan made a motion to approve the public meeting minutes from Feb. 15, 2022, seconded by Lydia, and the motion was passed.

\*Lydia made a motion to accept minutes from the Feb. 8, 2022 Special Meeting, seconded by Susan, and the motion passed.

\*Susan made a motion to approve minutes from the March 3, 2022 Special Trustee Meeting, seconded by Sam, and the motion passed.

**Donations** included an anonymous \$500. Lydia made a motion to accept donations of \$635, seconded by Sam and the motion passed.

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

**Public Comment:** George announced that he will continue as Select Board Representative to the Library. Progress on the new Town Hall is progressing, the roof is on, and it is expected to be completed by October 2022.

**Friends Report:** Lydia reported that the Plant Sale Fundraiser will take place at the same Rt. 9 location in the Catholic Church parking lot. Volunteers will be 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.

**Director's Report:**

Melissa reported that Tiny Art kits have been distributed and are due back on March 28 for the April exhibit. In celebration of April Poetry Month, and honoring Marie Harris, participating patrons will write a poem to a Tiny Artwork of their choice. Residents will vote for the best artwork and poetry.

\*Leigh made a motion that the Trustees not to exceed \$100 toward the cost of 4 poetry books to be given as prizes. Lydia seconded the motion and it was approved.

\*After discussion of tuition and professional development reimbursement, it was decided that more research will be done before adopting a policy and its associated funding. In the meantime, individual staff members can submit a letter to ask Trustees to consider reimbursement for courses they may be taking.

\*Volunteers are needed for the April 9<sup>th</sup> Egg Hunt. Donations will be accepted of individually

wrapped candy (without nuts or peanut butter).

\*Melissa presented the proposed agendas for Quarterly Staff Meetings and Professional Development days to begin in April.

Susan made a motion to go forward with Quarterly Staff Meeting/Professional Development days as proposed by the Director. The motion was seconded by Leigh and passed. The first quarterly meeting will take place on April 11.

\*Update on the Recreation Dept./Library septic system repairs: \$40,000 for repairs will be requested at the next Select Board meeting. Work is scheduled for March 21-27, and the installation during March 28-April 1<sup>st</sup>. During that week the library will be without water. A handicapped accessible portable toilet and free standing sink will be available to allow the Library to remain open during the repair work.

### **New Business:**

Susan made a motion to appoint Susan Gaudiello to fill the remainder of the Trustee position vacated by Lindsey Maziarz, Robert seconded it, and the motion passed. Leigh will submit the request to the Select Board.

\*Trustee Board elections will be held during the April meeting.

\*The Board is seeking to fill 2 more Alternate positions. Joyce Cappiello has resigned from her Alternate position as she was elected to the Select Board. Melanie Haley is interested in being an Alternate.

\*The Police Department will be requesting funding for a feasibility and engineering study of their current building in April to help make a decision about whether to add on or construct a new building.

7:50 Susan made a motion to move into Non-Public Session according to RSA 91-A:3. Robert seconded the motion and it passed.

8:07 The Board reconvened and Robert made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sam, and the motion passed.

**Next Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:30 pm**