

Barrington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Special Meeting Minutes - Approved

May 2, 2023

Present: Trustees: Leigh Elliott, Susan Frankel, Karolina Bodner, Robert Drew, Lydia Cupp, and Karen Towne. Trustee Alternate, Melanie Haley. Library Director, Liz Bolton. Attending by zoom: Trustee Board Chair, Susan Gaudiello.

Foundation members: Roger Gingrich, Diane St. Jean, Maureen Sawicki, Cynthia Hoisington, and Beth Brockett by zoom.

Recreation Dept. Director, Jess Tennis.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Vice Chair, Leigh Elliott.

There was a discussion of a potential site for a new library using feedback from the public listening session held on March 25.

Susan G. showed a slide with a summary of the pros and cons of Ramsdell Lane VS a possible future Town Center, followed by a discussion with input from all attending.

*Robert made a motion to support Ramsdell Lane as the site for a new library. The motion was seconded by Susan F. and passed unanimously..

Roger made a presentation about the Foundation's application for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) matching grant due May 17th. The outcome of this grant process will be considered when deciding on the new building fundraising goals. The grant request is \$800,000 which will require a 4:1 match, or \$3.2 million.

Six Trustees will be attending the NHLTA (NH Library Trustees Association) Conference on May 9nd. The main speaker will discuss the current challenges to library collections and considerations that determine the developing of library collections.

Karen made a motion to adjourn at 7:20, seconded by Lydia, and the motion passed.

Next BPL Trustee Board Meeting May 16, 2023 @ 5:30

Minutes recorded by Karolina Bodner, Secretary.