

Barrington Public Library
Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes APPROVED
March 3rd, 2022

Present: Trustees: Karen Towne, Susan Frankel, Karolina Bodner, Robert Drew, Lydia Cupp (on zoom), Sam Rondo and Joyce Cappiello (Alternates). Absent: Chair Leigh Elliott. Library Director, Melissa Huetter. Library Friends: Cindy and John Cafasso. Library Foundation: Roger Gingrich and Rebecca Butcher (arrived at 6:44.) Moderator: Susan Gaudiello.

This special meeting was called to:

- *provide a brief overview of the Trustee meeting with SMP architects on Feb. 8, 2022.
- *review a Trustee meeting on Feb. 23, 2022 with Connor MacIver, Town Manager and Police Chief Joy to discuss possible expansion plans of the Police Department.
- *discuss possible options to consider for a proposed new library building.

Project Status:

According to the SMP report, to go forward with a building plan on the 2023 ballot, a preliminary design would need to be refined, accepted by the Board, and construction estimates and budget finalized by mid- October to present to the Select Board.

- *Trustees will meet with Recreation Department to coordinate shared needs.
- *More listening sessions will be held to determine Community needs and visions.

There was a discussion to clarify the roles and responsibilities of each group involved.

*Friends: Cindy stated that the Friends role is to advocate for the BPL and provide monetary support for Library programs.

*Foundation: Roger reported that their role is to provide messaging and communication to/from the community regarding needs and visions for a new library to the Trustee Board, and to fund raise to help finance a new building.

*Trustee Board: The role of the Board is to follow the state RSAs, develop Library policies, assure the Town's funding for the Library, hire the director and approve staffing, and oversee the Library budget and overall operation of the Library and its activities.

It is also the responsibility of the Board to oversee the functions of the building. The Board will decide on the design and cost of a new building along with other involved groups, present Warrant Articles to the Select Board toward future financing of a new building, and communicate with the general public.

Next steps:

- *Communication will be improved between these Library groups by sharing meeting minutes.
- *Quarterly meetings will be held together with these groups to share their projects and possibly set up subgroups that can work together on specific tasks.
- *Trustees will meet with the Recreation Department and Commission by the end of April to determine shared needs and visions for building improvements.
- *The Trustee Board will decide whether to propose a new building for the March 2023 or 2024 Municipal Election.

The group discussed ways that the Library groups could participate together during the

Barrington Tricentennial Celebration.

The possibility for shared information tables will be researched for the May Spring Peepers race and during the July Tricentennial parade and events.

The meeting was adjourned by Moderator, Susan, at 8:10pm.

Next Trustee Board Meeting March 15, 2022 6:30pm.

Minutes recorded by Karolina Bodner, Secretary