

Present: Trustees: Chair Susan Gaudiello, Susan Frankel, Karolina Bodner, Robert Drew, Lydia Cupp, and Melanie Haley. Library Director Liz Bolton. Select Board Liaison Dannen Mannschreck. Absent Trustee Ezra Hodgson. Public: Karen Towne

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair, Susan Gaudiello.

Minutes: Susan F. made a motion to accept the 2/20/24 Trustee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Lydia, and the motion passed. Karolina abstained from the vote as she was absent at the February meeting.

Election of Officers: Susan F. made a motion to elect Susan Gaudiello, Trustee Board Chair, Lydia, Vice Chair, Melanie, Treasurer, and Karolina as Secretary, seconded by Susan G. and the motion passed.

Donations: Melanie made a motion to accept the February donations of \$251.02, seconded by Lydia, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Susan F. gave the February financials with interest accrued on CD accounts. Lydia made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Melanie, and the motion passed.

The current CD's are due in April, June and August. Susan F. and Melanie will meet with the investment manager at the TD Bank to discuss the best options available for future CD investments.

Select Board Liaison: Dannen Mannschreck reported that Jim Saccoccia has been elected Chair of the Select Board and Rob Gibson as Vice Chair. Dannen will continue as liaison to the Library Trustee Board. The vote for appointment of Karen Towne as the Library Trustee Alternate will occur at an upcoming Select Board meeting.

Director's Report: Liz reported that the Hoopla February account used \$492 under the allocated \$600

The staff has been asked to remind patrons that they need to produce a library card, valid photo id, or have their photo available online to check out items. Permission for other household members to pick up items needs to be stated on their account.

Jim Andersen is working with a crew to install a generator outside near the electrical closet. The town will be taking bids to patch the leaks on the Library roof.

Chair yoga was well attended and will resume in mid-April.

The gardening programs in partnership with the Barrington Bloomers have been very popular. There will be two programs with the NH Humanities in April.

The new AM Library Assistant is doing well, and the search continues for a PM Library Assistant.

The Social Media and Technology Library Assistant has resigned effective April 5 and the position will be posted on the Library website.

The popular Egg Hunt with the Rec Dept. will be held on March 23.

Library Building Project:

Susan G. shared with trustees the draft contract for SMP Architects for review, and expects to receive the Bauen Corp contract soon. The town attorney will review the contracts, so some edits are likely.

An Energy Charrette (performed by Resilient Buildings Group, RBG) is scheduled for April 4 with the Library Building team, plus Jack Bingham (Energy Committee) and Jim Andersen, Facilities Manager. The RBG proposal describing the charrette was forwarded to the Trustees, who are also welcome to attend.

Susan F. made a motion to give authority to Susan G. and Treasurer Melanie to sign the Charrette Contract after review and approval, seconded by Lydia, and the motion passed.

Foundation Update: Susan G. reported that with the Town vote approving the Library Bond, the Foundation will be sending requests to people who pledged donations. The Foundation is continuing to research possible building grants and fundraise.

Friends: Lydia reported on the upcoming Books and Blooms fundraiser being held on May 11 in conjunction with Library staff and Barrington Bloomers. The bouquets with a relevant book will be assembled at the Library on May 8th at 6pm and will be sold in a silent auction on May 11th. In an effort to include wider community participation in this fun event, other Town departments such as Select Board, are also being asked to donate bouquets. The Trustees agreed to create an arrangement.

Old Business: Susan F. made a motion to rescind the February 19 vote to upgrade the wage of the Library Assistant position and to keep it at Grade 2 on the Town wage scale, seconded by Melanie, and the motion passed.

New Business:

A regional Trustee Meeting will be held at the Weeks Library in Greenland on April 13. A number of Trustees plan to attend and may carpool.

The annual NHLTA Conference will be held at the Grappone Center in Concord on June 5. The Library has budgeted for 6 people to attend. Attendees will register individually online and the Director will pay the fees as a group.

Non-Public Session: Susan G. made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 6:35, according to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), seconded by Robert, and the motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Robert to return to Public Session at 7:05, seconded by Melanie, and the motion passed.

7:05 Susan F. made a motion to extend the employment contract of Library Director Liz Bolton for 2 years. Lydia seconded the motion and it passed.

Adjourn: Robert made a motion to adjourn at 7:10, seconded by Melanie, and it passed.

Next BPL Trustee Board Meeting April 16, 2024 5:30pm

Minutes recorded by Karolina Bodner, Secretary