

Town of Belmont, NH
Belmont Public Library
Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2023

Attendance:

Mary Charnley, BPL Trustee
Shela Cunningham, BPL Trustee
Terry Elliott, BPL Trustee
Jessica Ellis-Hopkins, BPL Trustee via Zoom
Hillary Horn-BPL Trustee via Zoom
Eileen Gilbert, BPL Director

Meeting called to order at: 6:06 pm at the Belmont Public Library (BPL).

Nonpublic (RSA 91-A:3 II (a-j))

During this meeting, Mary made a motion at 7:45 pm to enter nonpublic session RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss the 2024 budget and hiring/compensation of a new employee.

BPL Budget for 2024: During the discussion of the BPL Budget at the Town Budget Committee meeting on November 28, 2023, there was a discussion of and approval for bonuses for town employees. These bonuses are for full-time employees for the November 2023 through March 2024 timeframe (5 months). The bonuses are a result of the town adopting a new pay scale adjusting compensation so the non-union staff wages are proportional to union in some departments. These bonuses were not anticipated so they were not specifically accounted for in the 2023 library budget. As a result, this meeting is to identify where in the 2023 BPL budget we have the money as the bonuses were approved at the November town budget committee meeting. It was decided that there are enough funds in the current part-time wage line to cover this unanticipated expense.

Personnel: On December 7, a page announced that she was giving two weeks' notice and will be seeking other job opportunities. As a result, the Director will be seeking a new page.

Non-public session adjourned: 8:15 pm.

Public session reconvened: 8:16 pm.

The next Belmont Public Library Trustee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Belmont Public Library. Motion to adjourn made by Hillary, seconded by Jessica. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 8:23 pm.

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