

Trustees of the Jonathan Bourne Public Library Meeting Minutes - 9 March 2021

The monthly meeting of the Trustees was held on 9 March 2021 via Zoom and was recorded by K. Spilhaus, Chairman. The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm.

Attendees: Karl Spilhaus (Chairman), Kiki Tura, Christine Crane, Kathy Fox Alfano, Kristina Prodouz and Irja Finn (Assistant Library Director). **Also attending:** Anne-Marie Siroonian and Dr. Joe Gordon from the Town Charter Review Committee. **Not attending:** Alison DeCosta

The minutes of the January 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

New Business

- Representatives Anne-Marie Siroonian and Dr. Joe Gordon from the Town of Bourne Charter Review Committee met with the Trustees to describe the year-long charter review process and to seek input from the Trustees on changes or additions to Trustees section of the town charter. The Trustees of the Bourne Public Library section of the charter is Section 6-10:
 - There shall be a library board to be known as the trustees of the Jonathan Bourne library to consist of 6 members who shall be elected for 3-year overlapping terms.
 - The trustees shall have the custody and management of the library and all property of the town related thereto. All money raised or appropriated by the town for its support and maintenance shall be expended by the trustees and all money or property that the town may receive for the library by gift of bequest shall be administered by the trustees in accordance with the gift or bequest. The trustees of the Jonathan Bourne library shall have all of the powers and duties given to boards of library trustees under the Constitution and General Laws and such additional powers and duties as may be authorized by this charter, by by-law or by other town meeting vote.

- The Trustees discussed the current language. K. Tura cited the Trustees Handbook and suggested that we focus on policy-setting and partnership. K. Alfano proposed that the following text be considered for addition to the charter.
 - Board of Trustees should be 7 members not 6 to have an odd number.
 - Library Director exercises judgement under the direction and review of the Board of Trustees to implement goals, objectives and policies set by the Board. Trustees work with municipal officials regarding the custody and management of the library. The procedures of the Board of Trustees follow the guidelines in the Massachusetts Public Library Trustees Handbook and Title VII Chapter 78 Section 11 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

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- These points will be discussed further at the April 2021 meeting then finalized text will be submitted to the Charter Review Committee for presentation to the Town Selectmen.

Old Business

- None

Reports

- **Buildings and Grounds**

I. Finn delivered the building and grounds report and reviewed the recent septic failure events that occurred in the library. The problem is due to aging pipes and temporary fixes have been put in place.

- **Friends of the Library**

K. Alfano and T. Prodouz reported that they have resigned from the Friends of the Library Board. T. Prodouz will attend monthly Friends Board meetings as the Trustees representative.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13 April 2021 via Zoom. Future agenda items will include an update on the Library reopening plan and conducting a community survey.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by C. Crane and seconded by K. Spilhaus. The roll call vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Prodouz