

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

April 1, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: William O'Brien (Chair), Janet Tynan, Lori Conant and Lauresha Xihani

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Najarian, Crystal Caouette

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Ouellette, Library Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: made by Lori Conant and 2nd by Bill O'Brien to approve the March 4, 2024, minutes. No One Opposed. Motion Carried.

TAXPAYER'S TIME: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Letter from Rachel Wisler was discussed for appointing Crystal Caouette to the library board, has been approved.
- Resignation from the Library Board of Rene Johnpiere effective 3-18-2024

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Tynan reported that the Friends of the Library ("FOL"):

- Peabody Museum passes are free of charge, need to preorder tickets online.
- The Landscaping committee changed out the flowers for spring.
- Met with the tree warden to trim the tree to help it along to keep it healthy.
- Discussed coordinating with the Town Crew to help with the landscaping.
- Book collection day is Saturday April 13th from 10:00-12:00. Book sale is April 25th and 26th from 12:00-6:00 and 27th from 10:00-2:00, with the book giveaway beginning at 2:00.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORTS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Ouellette reviewed in detail the March 2024 Library Director's Report including the Expenditure Report.

Ms. Ouellette discussed:

- All is looking good with the balances.
- Duct cleaning was done.
- Few programs had been canceled. The eclipse program was doubled booked.
- Book club is doing great.
- Shamrock search was fun, with good participation.
- Childrens room doing great with fun new programs for the kids.
- The egg coloring was done.
- Janet and Bill Tynan will be honored with a Public Service Award by the Exchange Club on April 22nd at the Aqua Turf.
- Passports to Libraries Program began and runs till April 30th, great participation already, 150 libraries in the state are participating.
- Eclipse glasses were distributed for the people who pre-registered.
- Staff members completed their two-hour Sexual Harassment Training Program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Finance and Budget:** Mayor Dunn cut the wages increase by 50% from \$50,049 to \$25,049. Eliminates the part time position for the Childrens Room and the wage increase for the staff will have to be redone.
- The library is scheduled to present its 2024-2025 Budget to the Town Council on April 16th @ 7:00 p.m.
- Some changes in the expenditure account.
- **Personnel:** Discussed wages and raises for the staff. The Town Council will vote in June for salary changes and the entire budget.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. O'Brien provided an update on the State bonding appointments Building Committee.
- Nothing is scheduled for the State bonding Commission yet.
- Town bonding has gone through.
- Town Council will appoint two people from the town Council for the building committee. Anthony Guerrera and also a Democrat along with Bill O'Brien, Janet Tynan and Crystal Caouette, and also two appointed from the Mayor. There will be seven members altogether for the building committee.

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion: made by Bill O'Brien and 2nd by Lori Conant to go into an executive session.
No One Opposed. Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn: 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Morrone, Commission
Secretary

Approved: _____
William O'Brien, Chair
Wolcott Library Board of Trustees