

**BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
April 12, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Bedford Public Library Board of Trustees was held on April 12, 2024 in the Richmond Room. In attendance were Pam Van Arsdale (Chair), Lee Joyce (Trustee), Jerry Hanauer (Treasurer), Kevin Brown (Alternate Trustee), Emily Weiss (Head of Collection Management and Acquisitions), Miriam Johnson (Director), and Caitlin Loving (Assistant Director). The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Election of Officers –

Motion: Jerry nominated Lee to serve as chair; Pam seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Lee nominated Jerry to serve as Treasurer; Pam seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report – Minutes from the March 8, 2024 regular meeting were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

Acceptance of Gifts –Miscellaneous donations - \$99.00; Donations received in memory of Frances Wiggin: Peter and Nancy Clark - \$100; William and Beverly Gere - \$100; Town of Dunbarton - \$100.

Motion: Jerry made a motion to accept all gifts; Pam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report – See attached.

Old Business:

Trust Funds – Jerry has not received a response from the Trustees of the Trust Funds, so he will follow up with them.

New Business:

Alternate Trustees – Kevin Brown and Catherine Rombeau are the current Alternate Trustees.

Motion: Pam made a motion to nominate Kevin Brown and Catherine Rombeau to continue to serve as Alternate Trustees; Lee seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Behavior Policy Update – Miriam shared the current status of the policy with regards to the age restriction in the children's room. She spoke with the town attorney, who will review the written policy, and then Miriam will send it to Primex for review.

EV Charging Stations – The Planning Department is applying for a grant to obtain EV charging stations and would like to have the library as a possible location for them.

Arbors of Bedford Tree Donation – Miriam received an email from The Arbors offering to purchase and plant a tree for Arbor Day. There was discussion of possible location and type of tree. Miriam will let them know that we have a particular type of tree in mind that goes with our planting plan.

NHLTA Conference Wednesday, June 5th in Concord – Jerry, Lee, Kevin, Miriam, and Caitlin will be attending the conference.

Staff Garden – Miriam asked for funding for the raised beds.

Motion: Pam made a motion to spend up to \$150 for the raised bed garden; Lee seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The next meetings will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024; Friday, June 14, 2024; Friday, July 12, 2024; and Friday, August 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Richmond Room. The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Johnson
Library Director

Caitlin Loving
Assistant Director