



Trustees of The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

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Tracy Waldron, Chair James Clark, Treasurer Lynn Austin, Secretary Liz McConnell
Tom Walker

Approved
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Monday, Jan 11, 2021

Trustees attending: Tracy Waldron, Jim Clark, Lynn Austin, Liz McConnell, Tom Walker

From the Library: Janice Weirs, Library Director, Heather Lindsay, Youth & Assistant Director

From the Public: Bob Mantegari, Selectboard Chair was in attendance.

NOTE: The meeting was held remote via Zoom. The public was also invited to attend the meeting via Zoom.

Tracy called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

BOARD BUSINESS:

This unscheduled meeting was called, and appropriately announced and noticed to the community in order to discuss two issues:

Listing of open seats for the Library Trustee positions,

Changes the Brentwood Budget Committee would like to see in certain budget proposals, including the Library.

Listing of Open Seats for Library Trustee Positions:

The open seats for Library Trustee was incorrectly listed in recent social media and town website postings. 4 positions were inadvertently announced. The correct postings should read there are 3 seats available. 1 seat will fill the remaining 2 year term currently held by an alternate placed in the position after the resignation of a Trustee. There are 2 Trustees who have fulfilled their 3 year terms, and those positions will be on the ballot as well. Janice was directed to post the correct number of positions on the Library website.

Budget Proposal Change:

The Brentwood Selectboard and Budget Committee are in disagreement over broad based cuts to department budgets specifically related to employee compensation and benefits. This disagreement amounts to a \$30,000.00 gap between the budgets recommended by the Selectboard, and those recommended by the Budget Committee. In seeking to bridge this gap, the town is looking to overcome the cuts by tapping into current and expected impact fees. They will use this money to repay the indebtedness currently held in bonds. The Library is one of two departments in town which have impact fees available for projects supporting increased needs and services created by the impact of certain development projects in town. The Library also holds a bond through the Town of Brentwood for previous financing of building projects. The Selectboard are proposing \$10,000.00 of our impact fee balance be used to help bridge this \$30,000.00 overall gap in budget proposals.

Next meeting: Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM. It is expected the meeting will be held remote via Zoom. Public will be invited to attend via Zoom

On a motion by Liz, with a second by Tom, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McConnell