

Bedford Free Public Library
Library Trustees Minutes for Tuesday, April 9, 2019
7:00 PM • Reference Room

The Trustees reviewed and signed bills. Acting Chair Elizabeth Hacala called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present

Trustees: Acting Chair Elizabeth Hacala, Rachel Field, Robin Grace Silbert; Michael Pulizzi, Alma Hart, and Dennis Ahern. Abby Hafer was absent.

Administration: Richard Callaghan, Library Director; Noreen O’Gara, Assistant Director.

The Chair asked if there were any public comments. None were forthcoming.

Secretary’s Report

Rachel moved the minutes, and Robin seconded. The minutes passed unanimously.

Director’s Report

The Trustees reviewed the Director’s written report. In addition to the written report, the Trustees discussed: The new Kanopy streaming service of independent films, television shows and documentaries, funded by the Friends of the Library.

The report was moved by Robin, seconded by Mike and approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- The Board reviewed the March Town Meeting and the approval of the library budget and new carpeting under the Capital article.
- Library Patrons are pleased with the new study rooms. The rooms meet the ADA requirements. The two front rooms will be designated specifically ADA compliant. So far there have been no issues of patrons holding a room too long while others waited.

New Business

- The search for a new Building & Systems Superintendent is progressing.
- Plans were discussed for completing the Director’s Performance review, including an extra meeting April 30. The review is due May 1st.
- Elizabeth Hacala agreed to stand for Chair. Dennis moved Alma be elected Secretary and Mike seconded it. Robin moved, and Elizabeth seconded the nomination of Mike for Vice-Chair. All unanimously elected.
- Rachel, Mike and Robin elected unanimously as Trustees of the Library Corporation.

Other Business

- The Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale last month was very successful. A thank you for all the hard work the Friends and the staff put into the sale.

Adjournment

Robin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Alma seconded; it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by Alma Hart, incoming secretary.

Documents distributed during the meeting: Agenda; Director's Report, Statement of Expenditures for March 2019; the monthly Statistical Report for March 2019.