

Bedford Free Public Library
Library Trustees Minutes for Tuesday, February 8th, 2022
7:00 PM • Online Meeting via Zoom

Chair Mike Pulizzi called the meeting to order at 7:03.

Present

Trustees: Mike Pulizzi, Elizabeth Hacala, Abby Hafer, Fahad Alden, Robin Grace Silbert.
Other attendees: Dot Bergin, Bedford Citizen, Emily Mitchell, Selectboard liaison, Padma Choudry, Trustee Board candidate
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

The January minutes were approved: Moved by Elizabeth, seconded by Robin.
Ayes: Abby, Fahad, Elizabeth, Robin, Mike: Vote 5-0-0.

Director’s Report

In addition to the printed report, the Winter Lectures series is currently scheduled to start on Sunday March 20th. There would be a limit to in person attendance and it would also be on Zoom. The February Director’s Report was approved: Moved by Abby, seconded by Robin.
Ayes: Fahad, Elizabeth, Robin, Abby, Mike: Vote 5-0-0.

Unfinished Business

- COVID 19 status update: The Library is a distribution point for COVID tests for town residents. Business has been brisk as we had to ask for more test after the first day.
- FY23 Budget: The meeting with the Finance Committee went well with some good questions about the budget and praise for the library and the staff.

New Business

- The Director reviewed the capital projects list. The replacement of the elevator controls is on the capital budget for FY23. As one of the elevators has needed service twice in the last month it is good timing. The HVAC project design phase contract will be awarded on February 22nd. The design phase of the project will then commence.

Other Business

- The Town election is on March 12th. Since the next Trustee meeting is before that date (3/8) the reorganization of the board will take place at the April 12th meeting. We are also waiting for the state and the town to issue guidelines on the remote meeting provision which expires April 1. Next Meeting: Tuesday March 8th, 2022

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50. Robin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Abby seconded: Approved - Ayes: Fahad, Elizabeth, Robin, Abby, Mike: 5-0-0.

Meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by Fahad Alden.

Documents distributed during the meeting: Agenda, Director's Report, December minutes, December 2021 Expenditures, December 2021 Statistics, and a draft FY23 budget.