

Bedford Free Public Library
Library Trustees Minutes for Tuesday April 12th, 2022
7:00 PM • Online Meeting via Zoom

Chair Mike Pulizzi called the meeting to order at 7:04

Present

Trustees: Mike Pulizzi, Elizabeth Hacala, Abby Hafer, Fahad Alden, Robin Grace Silbert, Padma Choudry, Rachel Field

Other attendees: Emily Mitchell, Selectboard liaison; Dot Bergin Bedford Citizen.

Administration: Richard Callaghan, Director.

Secretary's Report

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

Director's Report

Town Historian Sharon McDonald informed Richard that Bedford Flag may no longer be the oldest existing flag in the country. A flag that was discovered in East Greenwich could be as old as 1687 compared to Bedford's approximately 1713. Regardless of this, Bedford Library will continue to display the flag.

State Aid has once again been approved. The Bedford Minuteman will no longer be available in print after May 5th. The Library will retain the microfilm and digital copies of the paper.

Rachel moved to approve the report, seconded by Fahad. Ayes: Elizabeth, Abby, Robin, Padma, Mike, Fahad: Vote 7-0-0.

Unfinished Business

- Covid 19 status update: The Friends of the Library requested that masks be required in the book sale areas for the duration of the sale from April 21 through April 24. Abby moved to approve the request, seconded by Elizabeth. Ayes: Rachel, Padma, Robin, Fahad, Abby, Elizabeth, Mike: Vote 7-0-0.
- Annual Town Meeting: voters approved the library budget and capital funds for the updating of the elevators in the building.
- HVAC project: Northeast Engineering has been working in the library for the past few weeks designing the schematics for the project. We will be meeting with them regularly.

New Business

- Library Trustees Annual reorganization:
Election of Chair: Abby moved that Mike become Chair and Abby become vice chair. Rachel seconded. Ayes: Rachel, Padma, Robin, Fahad, Abby, Elizabeth, Mike: Vote 7-0-0

Election of Secretary: Abby nominated Padma. Robin seconded.

Ayes: Rachel, Padma, Robin, Fahad, Abby, Elizabeth, Mike: Vote 7-0-0

Election of three Trustees to the Library Corporation

Padma nominated Robin, Abby and Rachel. Mike seconded. Ayes: Rachel, Padma, Robin, Fahad, Abby, Elizabeth, Mike: Vote: 7-0-0

- Plan for the Performance Review of the Director: Trustees will make contributions individually and submit it to the Chair. The Board will discuss it at the May meeting.

Other Business

- Town boards remote meeting provision: The Selectboard is allowing town boards to decide if they want to meet in person or remotely. If an in-person meeting is voted on it can only occur after May 1st. The other option is a hybrid meeting but at least four board members must attend in person. Rachel motioned that the Trustees meetings remain remote and the board will revisit the issue in July, seconded by Robin. Ayes: Rachel, Padma, Robin, Fahad, Abby, Elizabeth, Mike: Vote: 7-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10. Fahad made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Abby seconded. Approved - Ayes: Fahad, Rachel, Elizabeth, Robin, Abby, Mike, Elizabeth: 7-0-0.

Meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by Fahad Alden.

Documents distributed during the meeting: Agenda, Director's Report, February, March minutes, March 2022 Expenditures, and March 2022 Statistics.