

**Walpole Town Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 21, 2023**

Present: Amy Howard (Chair), Kathy Nerrie (Treasurer), Gail LaHaise, Susan Johnson, Bill Ranauro, Erin Bowen, Jean Kobeski (Recording Secretary), Jane Malmberg (Library Director), Peggy Pschirrer (Selectboard Liaison)

Absent: Tim Lester, Sarah Mann

Amy called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. This meeting was recorded.

Approval of Minutes: Gail moved to accept the February 14 minutes as written. Kathy seconded and all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy reported that we received the total amount for the O. Hubbard Fund, which was \$800 more than budgeted. She explained the interest percentage was higher than expected, hence the higher amount received.

Bills: Jane said the cost of the library bags was the only "out-of-the-ordinary" expense for the month. Amy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bills. Gail seconded and all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Promotional Items for Branding: Amy shared samples of canvas bags and stickers that were chosen for purchase. She said she is waiting for Sarah to give her the logocentric sticker design (We saw the children's sticker.). Then she will send in the order. Amy asked how many we thought she should order. After a brief discussion it was decided that she should order 200 stickers of each. Amy moved that we approve the purchase of 200 of each sticker design at \$101 for a total of \$202 + shipping. Gail seconded and all voted in favor. Motion carried. Kathy told her to pay 1/2 of the cost with money from General Checking and 1/2 from the O. Hubbard account.

Selection of Contractor for the Front Door: The Board once again discussed the two bids that had been submitted and decided to go with the lower one. Gail moved that we accept the lower bid; Amy seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6 yes and 1 no.

Chimney Bid: No bid has been received yet.

Bench Location: Amy shared a sketch she drew of the front yard of the library. The Board feels the new sign should remain in its current location, possibly turned 90 degrees to stand perpendicular to the road. They decided the Cooke bench should be put to the left of the sign in front of the small garden. It was suggested that stepping stones, which can be mown over, lead up to the bench. Jane will touch base with the Cooke family, who wants to have the dedication either June 3 or 10. Jane will contact the Walpole Foundation about plowing the driveway next door once the bench is in place. Everyone agreed stakes should be put in the ground in front of the bench during the winter.

New Business

Business Credit Card for the Library: Jane asked to apply for a business credit card for the

library to replace using the reimbursement process. After a brief discussion, the Board decided it would make the most sense to get a library debit card. She will inquire at the Savings Bank of Walpole and Mascoma Bank.

Nominations for Board Officers: Nominations will take place during the April meeting.

Operations: Jane said there have been a number of positive comments on the new library logo.

Upcoming programming for April includes:

April 3 - Part 2 of the War Crimes discussion at the Library at 6:00 p.m.

April 4 - Mindy Cambiar and Sarah Barrett to present a film and program about the work of Hundred Nights at Town Hall at 7:00.

April 17 -Life, Death, and Cake: Planning for a Good Death with local author Susan MacNeil and End of Life Doula, Kasey March.

With no further business to discuss, Gail moved to adjourn to non-public session. Amy seconded.

Adjournment: The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. at the North Walpole Branch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Kobeski, Recording Secretary

** These minutes are in draft form until approved at the April 11, 2023 meeting.

