

**BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING**

MINUTES

February 16, 2021

Meeting Called By	Connie Franciosi
Type of Meeting	Regular
Recording Secretary	Danielle Oliari
Attendees	Trustees: Connie Franciosi (Chair), Beryl Domingo, Robyn Golden, Nancy Sarno, Janet Dye. Danielle Oliari, Jeff Rhind, Cindy Li, Jed Phillips, and Andrew Harding
Call to Order	7:03 p.m.
Meeting Adjournment	8:24 p.m.

Meeting of the Board of Public Library Trustees (the “Trustees”) of the Bridgewater Public Library (“Library”) was held via video conference held on Zoom. The date, time and access information were posted pursuant to the relevant open meeting rules.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL:

It was moved (Dye) and seconded (Domingo) to approve the Agenda, motion passed unanimously.

2. SECRETARY’S REPORT:

As the current secretary, Mr. Gerritsen, was unable to attend, there was no secretary’s report.

3. CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair drew the Board’s attention to the use of the Library’s free wifi during our current closure to allow children to access the internet for online school. The Chair used the story to reinforce the importance of the wifi, and by extension the Library, as a service and resource in town. The Director reported that the Library is extending its wifi capability with the addition of another access point to allow for the wifi to cover all of the Library’s grounds. There is also work being done to get some furniture to make the outside green space more welcoming and user friendly. The extension of the wifi is part of a town wide initiative to bring free wifi to the green space around the Academy Building.

The Chair informed the Board that Jeff Rhind is resigning his position on the Board because he is moving from Bridgewater. After sharing a word of thank for Mr. Rhind’s work as a Board member, the Chair introduced Cindy Li as a possible candidate to run for Mr. Rhind’s open seat in April’s elections. Ms. Li introduced herself and gave an overview of her desire to be on the Board.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Rhind’s letter of resignation was received by the Chair.

5. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Written report submitted and attached.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee Reports were submitted.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Continued discussion of the review of the rewording of Article 5 of the town charter resolution was postponed until next meeting.

The Library website now includes a 'Diversity and Inclusion' section that can be reached from via a link on the website's homepage. The section includes a book list with verbiage about each book covering diversity and inclusion topics such as, but not limited to, antiracism, Black Lives Matter, social justice. This section also includes the statement made by the Board of Trustees in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. Discussion continued to cover how the Library can further support these topics through specific programming. It was decided that, at this time, the Library's function is as a provider of resources and promoter of events and other programming happening in town. Discussions will be had in future as to how the Library's role in this can evolve once we are able to reopen.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

The Chair opened a discussion to reconfigure and realign the Board's subcommittees to better match the current responsibilities and purviews of the Board. The Chair proposed the following committees: Building and Grounds, Planning and Outreach, and Budget and Finance. Ms. Sarno added Special Events. It was decided that the Board will use the time between this meeting and next to think more on the most appropriate subcommittees and redress the topic at the next meeting.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March 16, 2021.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.