

**NORTH KINGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 2022

PRESENT WERE: Varuna Abeywardane, Rini Georgekutty, Dianne Izzo, Dan Humbyrd, Martha Parks, Elizabeth Suvari, Lori Vernon, and Susan Aylward. Guests: Jennifer Boettger (Deputy Director Interim)

1. **Call to Order-** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Kingstown Free Library held on Monday, March 21, 2022, was called to order by Board Chair Elizabeth Suvari at 7:04 p.m.
2. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6 (c) Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's website.
3. **Approval of minutes of the February 14, 2022 regular meeting** – The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting on a motion made by Dianne Izzo, seconded by Dan Humbyrd.
4. **FY 2023 Budget Revisions Approval**—Acting Director Aylward presented the FY 2023 budget revisions, which were developed at a working meeting with the following participants: Acting Director Aylward, Board of Trustees Finance Officer Rini Georgekutty, Town Manager Ralph Mollis and Finance Director Jim Lathrop. These revisions included the elimination of proposed allocated expenses of \$89,000; the town's promise to tie the library into the sewer system in the coming year using ARPA funds; a slight change in the way that the Willett and Davisville libraries appear in the town's budget document; the town's no longer implying in budget documents that the library is an enterprise fund; and a zero increase in tax appropriations in FY 2023. The Board unanimously approved the revised budget for FY 2023, as outlined above, on a motion by Dianne Izzo, seconded by Lori Vernon.
5. **FY 2022 Budget Report to-date**—Acting Director Aylward presented the FY 2022 budget report to-date with the happy news that we will finish FY 2022 very close to a balanced budget, having absorbed much of the expected working deficit of over \$200,000.
6. **Director's Report: Updates and Questions**—Acting Director Aylward reviewed the news, notes, and issues that were in the report that was sent to the Board in their monthly packets of information.
7. **Champlin Grant 2019 (Library Redecoration Project)**—Acting Director Aylward reported forward progress on the redecoration project. Crates and carts for packing library collections have arrived and the painters are scheduled to begin on March 28th.
8. **Rain Garden report**—Board member Dianne Izzo sent her written report on the status of the rain garden(s) to Board members via email just prior to the meeting. Since there was not time for them to read and digest the report prior to the meeting, this matter was tabled until the April meeting.
9. **Public Comment**—There was no public comment.
10. **Adjournment**—The Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Martha Parks, seconded by Lori Vernon.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Aylward, Acting Director