EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MOINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2021

1. Meeting called to order by D Barlow at 6:36 PM

   Trustees Present: D Barlow, J Bielot, W Barney

   Also Present: M Gilroy, Library System Director

2. Minutes of meeting of May 10, 2021 were accepted as presented
3. Old Business
   a. There was a discussion of the proposed 2021-22 Town budget, including a discussion regarding some of the negative comments regarding the proposed budget that have been raised. Except for concerns raised about the proposed salary increase that would impact library staff among others, it was felt that most of the issues raised did not have impact on the proposed Library System budget. It was agreed that if the proposed budget were defeated, the Finance Subcommittee, the Board of Trustees and the Director will have to look at the implications and make adjustments if needed.
   b. M Gilroy reported that with less than a month left in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the Library System budget is on target. He sees no issues with the budget over the last few weeks.
4. New Business
   a. M Gilroy presented the proposed ARPA grant that will be submitted to the Board of Finance for approval on June 8, 2021. The grant proposal seeks to create an Outdoor Wi-Fi Garden at both library buildings and to Upgrade Technology at both library buildings to Equalize Program Access for Homebound Library Patrons. There was a general discussion about the particulars of the grant proposal, and on a motion by J Bielot/W Barney, the Subcommittee voted 3-0-0 to forward the grant proposal to the Board of Finance.
   b. B. There was a discussion about Subcommittee goals for the 2021-22. The Subcommittee focused on working to insure proper and adequate funding for the Library System. The Subcommittee will also focus on getting the Town Library Building Feasibility Committee appointed and once that is done, develop a program to inform of the public of the needs of the Library System, the issues with the current, small library buildings, and the ability to develop a 21st century library for the citizens of East Haddam. The Chair will contact the Library System's Board of Finance liaison, H Thomas to have him attend an upcoming Trustees meeting. As a suggestion, the members of the entire Board should make it a point to visit libraries to get ideas about library arrangements and logistics.
5. There was no audience of citizens.
6. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Submitted by: W Barney