TOWN OF EAST HADDAM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 12, 2022

1. Meeting called to order by D Barlow at 6:00 PM

   Trustees present: D Barlow, J Bielot, W Barney

   Also present: M Gilroy, Library System Director

2. Minutes of Sub Committee meeting of April 11, 2022 accepted as presented
3. Old Business
   a. 1st Quarter expenditures are tracking as anticipated. The Reading Room Association has given $8481.75 to the Library System. The next quarterly donation will be larger as per end of the year accounting. The Library Director has been told that he can hire two interns.
   b. Regarding facilities, the well head at Rathbun has been repaired and seating has been built to protect the site. The old, disused heating system at EHFPL has not yet been removed, and the windows at Rathbun still need attention.
4. New Business
   a. M Gilroy reported that the NLBC Survey results are being tallied. They are being presented to the NLSC at their meeting on October 12th, and will be available to the Trustees at their October 13th meeting, He also reminded members that Sub Committee assignments will be determined at the October 13th meeting of the Trustees.
   b. A new Town Finance Director has been appointed and M Gilroy will be meeting with him soon to begin the process for developing the 2023-24 Budget. The Sub Committee members believe that the 2023-24 needs to reflect additional monies for library books and materials, increased programming, and correct the salaries imbalances that existing within the system. Library staff salaries should better reflect job responsibilities, salaries in other, comparable libraries, and the disparity that the change to the minimum wage to causing. Also, the maintenance budget needs to be upgraded as well as the furniture budget.
5. Audience of Citizens

There was no audience of citizens present

6. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Submitted by: W Barney

Sub Committee Secretary