EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5,, 2023

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

   Trustees present: D Barlow, J Bielot, W Barney

   Also present: P Griswold, Rathbun Branch Manager, A Leibowitz, EHFLP staff

2. Minutes of the meeting January 9, 2023 accepted as presented
3. Old Business
   a. The 2022-23 budget was reviewed. With the exception of SUPPLIES and FURNITURE, the present budget is tracking as expected. The SUPPLY line is running over because of increased programming. The Friends groups have made donations to insure that all program needs are met.
   b. The Subcommittee had a number of concerns relative to the proposed 2023-24 budget. Some of the dollars shown, and percentages shown do not match. The Reference Librarian is one such area as is the Library Technician line, Given the greater demand for Supplies, there was concern that this line are left with no increase. There was also concern about the dollars allocated for Heat and electricity. These issues will be asked of the Finance Director. Looking at the Shared Service budget proposal, there were questions about the places where no figures were supplied. There was also concern that the Branch Managers do not seem to have access to crucial budget information.
4. New Business
   a. There was considerable discussion about questions that the Board of Trustees should raise with the new Library System Director. The areas discussed included: staffing, salaries, budget accountability, role of the Board of Trustees, and the capital budget.
5. Audience of Citizens
   a. There was no audience of citizens
6. Without objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM