EASY HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024

1. Meeting called to order by J Bielot at 4:10 PM

   Trustees Present: J Bielot, D Barlow, W Barney

2. Minutes of January 8, 2024 were reviewed and accepted as presented
3. Old Business
   a. Interim Library Director, L Prichard, submitted a written report and indicated that the 2023-24 Budget continues to track as expected. To date, there have been no unexpected costs.
   b. The proposed 2024-25 Budget was submitted to the Town on January 16, 2024. It was in the amount of $480,020, an increase over the 2023-24 budget of $25,006, or an increase of 5.2%. This includes an over-all salary increase of 2.5% and also additional salary dollars to address inequities in salaries that have occurred over past years. The budget also reflected increases costs in LION, telephone and electricity. These costs increases were partially offset by decreases in building maintenance, heating oil, and dues and fees.
   c. T Cahill of the Ray Board confirmed that the Ray Foundation will fund the Internship program for $8,000., equal to 471 hours. Monies will be directed to the Town who will distribute the funds.
   d. L Prichard and W Barney attended a reception held on behalf of the CFMC where they received the CFMC grant of $5,000, which will be used to update and refresh the Library's website. THE ARSL grant application for $1,000 which is to be used to start the "Library of Things" was delayed because it was not passed through the Board of Finance Authorization system. That has been corrected and the application filed.
4. New Business
   a. There was no New Business
5. Audience of Citizens
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6. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM

Submitted by: W Barney, Subcommittee Secretary