

EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2024

1. Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM by J Bielot

Trustees present: J Bielot, D Barlow, W Barney

Also present: E Morgen, Library System Director, L Prichard, former Acting Library System Director

2. Minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2024 accepted as presented

3. Old Business

- a. 2023-24 Budget – The 2023-24 budget is tracking as expected. The Town assigned to cost of advertising the Library Director and Children’s Librarian positions to the SUPPLIES line of the Library System budget. Neither the Acting Director nor of the Board of Trustees was aware of this until after it was done. E Morgen will address this matter when she meets with the First Selectman.

There was a discussion regarding a switch from LION to another provider. The pros and cons of various providers was discussed. E Morgen will be having a ZOOM conversation with the Director of the Russell Library in Middletown about their experience with a different provider. In addition of cost, there are questions about services gained or lost as well as the impact of such a change.

- b. 2024-25 proposed budget – After discussions with the First Selectman, the proposed 2024-25 Operating Budget of the Library System was reduced by \$16,600., leaving a requested 2024-25 budget at \$463,413, a proposed increase of \$8,399 over the 2023-24 approved budget. There was a discussion about the impact of this reduction on the Library System operations and future plans. The Library Director will be evaluating this and will be discussing these matters with the staff.
- c. The Ray Board has approved a yearly grant of \$8,000. for the Internship program. Three candidates were interviewed, and K Clark was selected.
- d. The CFMC grant of \$5,000. has been received and will be used to update/refresh the Library System website. The ARSL grant request for \$1,000. to be used to begin the “library of Things” is pending. The Riverview Cemetery Association has given a donation of \$6,541.09 which will cover the cost of 84 Wonderbooks. These funds were placed in the Special Revenue fund

4. New Business – There was no New Business
5. Audience of Citizens – There was no Audience of Citizens
6. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM

