

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2024

1. Meeting called to order at 4:04 PM

Trustees present: D Barlow, J Bielot

Also present: E Morgen, Library System Director

2. Minutes of May 6, 2024, Subcommittee meeting accepted as presented.

3. Old Business

- a. The 2023-2024 budget continues to track OK. A number of books were purchased for the Summer Reading Program, so that budget line may end up going slightly over budget, but the system will be under the total budget number. E Morgan indicated that by shifting monies, she can cover expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Next year fuel oil, used for heating at the Rathbun branch, is an issue as the funding for that was unexpectedly removed by the BoS from the budget. The mini-split systems at the Rathbun are not designed to provide 100% of the heating for the building. This is per Dutch Oil. D Angersola is aware of this, so we are not sure why the BoS removed this funding. E Morgan is going to request the oil tank be filled this month, using some of the balance of this year's budget to minimize as much as possible the problem next year.

- b. The proposed 2024-25 passed the referendum on May 14th.
- c. Nothing new on Grants.
- d. E Morgen spoke with T Cahill representing the Ray Foundation. The Intern funding is a one-time funding amount. They will not fund the position going forward. She is short personnel hours, with only (1) intern instead of the (2) that the system used to have. She is exploring hiring a second intern for the summer, but that will mean the funding will not last the entire next fiscal year, thus creating the same issue that we had this year.
- e. There was no opposition to the committee meeting location change, so after next month's meeting, the Finance Subcommittee meetings will be moved to the Rathbun branch starting in August to allow the location change to be posted for at least 30 days. This assumes that it is voted on and approved at the BoT meeting being held this Thursday.

4. New Business

5. The was no Audience of Citizens

6. Without objection, the Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM

Submitted by: J Bielot, Subcommittee Chair