EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARYTRUSTEES

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by D Barlow at 6:30 PM

   Trustees present: D Barlow, J Bielot, J Tryon. W Barney

   Also present: A Murphy, Library System Director

2. Minutes of a meeting of March 6, 2023 accepted as presented
3. Old Business
   a. A Murphy reported that she has been monitoring the 2022-23 carefully to stay within budgetary guidelines. She is paying particular attention to the supply budget. As we enter the last quarter of the fiscal year, the budget is tracking in an acceptable fashion.
   b. The proposed 23-24 proposed budget will go before a Public Hearing on April 18th. A Murphy reported that she attended the public hearing and responded to several questions posed regarding the Library System budget. She further reported that its seems ti be the intent of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to keep the 2023-24 budget to a zero increase. A general salary increase of Library staff will be 2.5%. A Murphy did share with the Boards the salaries of EH Library staff with State norms. EH is below State norms. But she did not sense that this budget would address these matters.
4. New Business
   a. Over that past several years, the Town set aside funds for shelving for the libraries. A Murphy has received an offer from a volunteer to build shelving for the libraries. The questions was raised as to whether these funds could be reallocated for another purpose. She will speak to the First Selectman and the Finance Director regarding this matter. If permitted, she offered several suggestions as to how these funds could be used to enhance library programs and facilities. With the removal of the boiler from EHPL, A Murphy offered several ideas as to how this space could be utilized. This also is dependent on the answer to the reallocation queries.
   b. Riverview Cemetery Association has present the Library System with a $5,000 donation. A Murphy offered several ideas for the use of these monies including renewal of museum passed and support of the Rathbun Historic Room if they meet with the approval of the Association. She will investigate and let the Board know of her findings.
5. Audience of Citizens
   a. There was no audience of citizens
6. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at7:35 PM