

EAST HADDAM BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM by J Bielot
Trustees present: J Bielot, D Barlow
Also present: E Morgen, Library System Director, L White
2. Review of 1/6/2025 & 1/22/2025 Meeting Minutes – The 1/6/2025 meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum. The minutes for the 1/22/2025 meeting we accepted as presented.
3. Unfinished Business
 - a. 2024-2025 Budget Status – E Morgen indicated that she had requested a current YTD budget report from the Finance Department but had not received it prior to the meeting. She believes that there are no current issues of concern currently with this year’s budget.
 - b. 2025-2026 Budget - E Morgen reviewed her budget request and justification narrative that will be presented to the Board of Selectmen. Time was spent reviewing East Haddam’s spending vs Colchester, East Hampton & Haddam with East Haddam, in some cases, spending considerably less despite the fact that East Haddam has two branches and the surrounding towns a single building, which is less costly to operate.
 - c. E Morgen indicated that due to the lack of available staff, she has not had time to research and apply for any new grants. Over the past month, several of the staff have been out due to illness so she has had to aid patrons and man the service desk.
 - d. The funding for the Interns for the current budget year is running out. It was funded this year by a grant from the Ray School Foundation. They will not be continuing with the funding going forward as their focus next year is being directed to the High School.
4. There was no audience of citizens.
5. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04PM.

Submitted by: J Bielot, Subcommittee Chair