

WHITING LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes – December 28, 2021

Trustees Present: Robert Nied, Ed Grossman, Rosamund Conroy and Cathy Hasbrouck via Zoom Teleconference.

Citizens Present None.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Robert Nied, Chair, at 8:35 AM on the Zoom platform.

Robert Nied apologized for calling an extra meeting during the holidays. He explained that budget negotiations with the Town Manager had brought new issues to light that would require some action by the Trustees. He noted the number of constituents the Board of Trustees served: the community, tax payers, the members of SelectBoard etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS [1 V.S.A § 313 (A) & (B) CONTRACTS/LABOR AGREEMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES]

A motion to enter executive session (Cathy, Rosamund) was made, seconded and approved at 8:37 AM.

Rosamund moved to come out of executive session. Ed seconded the motion. The Board returned from executive session at 9:37 AM.

Ed made a motion to present to the Town of Chester the budget presented to the Trustees at the 12/14/2021 meeting. This budget increases the stipend to the Library Director and Youth Services Librarian for health care coverage as we move toward parity with the Town of Chester Health Benefits plan. Cathy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Robert Nied removed Citizen Comments from the agenda as there were no citizens present to comment.

Ed Grossman said an additional \$425 were received from the November mailings. The total fundraising for the year was \$12,500, which is \$5,500 less than the 2021 goal. It was resolved that no motion to take funds from the Preservation Fund to cover the shortfall was needed as such an action had been authorized at the last Trustee meeting.

Ed Grossman moved to adjourn the meeting. Rosamund Conroy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned a 9:49.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hasbrouck, Secretary