

**Rye Public Library  
Board of Trustees – Minutes  
Public Session  
May 11, 2020  
Virtual**

Present: Trustees Karen Oliver, Victor Azzi, Jeffrey Ross, Christine LeBlond and Michael Moody and Director Andrew Richmond

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jeff Ross, at 4:15 PM on Zoom. Mr. Ross read a statement regarding the Right to Know Law in a State of Emergency. The Pledge of Allegiance was waived.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

At 4:20 Mr. Moody moved to approve the April 29th Meeting Minutes. Mr. Azzi seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

**New Business**

Director Richmond was asked by the Rye Town Center Committee to submit a statement of support for the TAP Grant/sidewalk project in the town center. He shared a draft of his letter and asked that the Board support the grant as well.

At 4:25 Mr. Moody motioned that the Board endorse the grant along with Director Richmond. Ms. Oliver seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

**Director's Report**

Director Richmond reviewed the April 2020 budget. There were no concerns.

The Board of Selectmen has asked if there are any potential reductions the library could make toward the \$520k in budget cuts they are looking to make across town budgets, in light of the COVID-19. Director Richmond could point to \$15k in operating expenses that could be cut. He will contact the Town Administrator proposing these suggested cuts to the library budget.

**COVID-19 update**

Director Richmond reported on the library's current activity including preparing a plan for reopening, ordering protective gear for library staff, meeting with the emergency action committee and continuing to serve as the in-coming message system through that committee.

**Non-public Session**

At 5:15 Ms. Oliver moved that the Board go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) to discuss a personnel matter.

At 5:50 Ms. Oliver moved to come out of executive session. Mr. Ross seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

The Board set the next meeting for June 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Moody moved and Mr. Ross seconded that the Board vote to adjourn at 6:00 PM. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine LeBlond  
Secretary  
May 28, 2020

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