

**Rye Public Library
Board of Trustees – Minutes
Public Session
April 13, 2021
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 10:05 AM on Zoom. Mr. Ross read the Attestation in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order number 12. The Pledge of Allegiance was waived.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

At 10:10 Ms. Oliver moved to approve the amended minutes of the March 9th meeting. Mr. Moody seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

At 10:12 Ms. Oliver moved to approve the amended minutes of the March 10th meeting. Mr. Moody seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

Director's Report:

No-appointment browsing began at the library on April 1st. The book quarantine was eliminated on April 12th pursuant to CDC findings that only 1 in 10,000 could contract COVID-19 from surfaces. RPL is still vigilantly practicing hand sanitizing and surface cleaning.

Julie Doherty will be retiring. Other part time staff are willing to cover her hours until all staff are vaccinated, and pods can then be merged and schedules reorganized.

At 10:28 Mr. Moody moved that the Board reapprove the Rye Public Library Investment Policy. Mr. Ross seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

Director Richmond reviewed the March budget; there were no concerns. Should there be any overages within specific line items, they will be absorbed by compensation as both Jim Chase and Julie Doherty will have retired this year.

Non-Public Session

At 10:35 Ms. Oliver moved that the Board go into non-public session according to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) to discuss a personnel matter.

At 11:38 Ms. Oliver moved that the Board come out of non-public session. Mr. Ross seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

Mr. Ross noted that the Board is in negotiations with Green Penguin Landscaping for the following work to ready the outdoor space adjacent to the Library: removal of the asphalt, grading and raking, and the spreading of loam and sod. The Board will also meet with Jonathan Halle, the Board's architect, on April 20th to discuss future possibilities for the space.

Mr. Azzi noted that Mr. Halle has asked the Town for the surveyed drawings of the 0.4-acre parcel to help the Board plan and design the outdoor space for both library and town use. These drawings have already been paid for and can be easily shared and doing so would save the Library the time and expense of replicating them. Mr. Halle is still waiting for a reply.

Ms. Oliver reported that the Board's attorney has notified the Town Attorney and the Select Board that the Trustees would like the subdivision application to be resubmitted to reflect the current conditions, i.e. that the subdivision is not conditioned upon DES septic approval.

The Board set the following dates for future meetings:

May 11th at 11:00 AM

June 15th at 11:00 AM

July 20th at 11:00 AM

Adjournment:

At 12:06 Mr. Moody moved that the Board adjourn. Ms. Oliver seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine LeBlond

Secretary

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