

**Rye Public Library  
Board of Trustees – Minutes  
Public Session  
October 18, 2022**

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jeff Ross, at 4:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was waived.

**Director's Report:**

Director Richmond presented a draft of the 2023 budget. He presented the RPL staff salary adjustments pursuant to the performance-based compensation policy and reviewed proposed increases for Contracted Services (\$4500 to provide computer network support) and an increase in utility costs for the building.

At 4:29 PM Mr. Moody moved to approve the proposed budget of \$771,882.00 for 2023. Mr. Ross seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

The dates for the budget presentations are as follows:

Select Board - November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Budget Committee - November 16<sup>th</sup>

The Board will submit a Warrant Article for 2023 for \$5k for the Building and Maintenance Fund with an eye toward replacing the HVAC system in the near future. Director Richmond will follow up with Dowling for a quote and obtain one or two additional proposals from other companies.

The Friends of the Rye Public Library have asked to return to their usual meeting day and place in the Rye Public Library, which was Tuesdays in the CMR prior to the pandemic. To accommodate this request, the Board will ask the Town Administrator to have the Planning Board return to meeting in the Town Hall court room beginning in January, 2023 so the Friends can use the Community Meeting Room.

Director Richmond will attend the meeting of The Friends of the Rye Public this evening to give an update on the Board's progress with the planning for the Library Common.

**Library Common**

Mr. Ross reviewed what the Board is hoping to accomplish in the first wave of activity on the development of the Library Common:

- Move the Town Museum closer to Washington Road, adjacent to the library, to create a campus-like setting
- Create space for the future expansion of the library building
- Relocate and replace the parking lot to the rear of the common
- Relocate and replace the septic system for the Town Museum

The Board will submit a Warrant Article for funding the infrastructure for the development of the Library Common and has begun forming a campaign committee to help pass it.

**Non-Public Session:**

At 5:17 PM Mr. Moody moved that the Board go into non-public session according to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) to discuss a proposed contract with a fundraising consultant for the development of the Library Common. Ms. Hodgdon seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

At 5:40 PM Mr. Moody moved that the Board come out of non-public session. Mr. Ross seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

At 5:40 PM Ms. Hodgdon moved to accept the contract to work with Sandra Mitchell to market and promote the Warrant Article that the Board will put forward for the 2023 election. Mr. Azzi seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

**Policy Review:**

The Board reviewed the Bulletin Board Policy. Director Richmond will revise it to include that notices will be dated and removed when they expire. The Board will review it again at the November meeting.

The Board's next meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

**Adjournment**

At 6:00 PM Ms. Hodgson moved that the Board adjourn. Mr. Ross seconded. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine LeBlond  
Secretary  
October 28, 2022