Rye Public Library Board of Trustees – Minutes Public Session March 21, 2023

Present: Trustees Victor Azzi, Jeffrey Ross, JoAnn Hodgdon, Michael Moody Public Guests: Hugh Lee and Rachel Bradt McCann.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jeff Ross, at 3:57 PM.

Director's Report:

Director Richmond reported that the treatment in the storage room had been completed.

Furniture selection suggestions offered by Youth Librarian Jess Ryan were updated and were shared with Trustees deferring to further options to be shared by Ms. Hodgdon with Director Richmond. The Board will review his updated furniture request at its April meeting with the goal of then submitting it to the Friends of the Rye Public Library when their rescheduled meeting occurs.

Director Richmond to question discrepancy in annual report for the balance of the Library Common Fund and the Alma Hill Expendable Trust.

He reported that the town-wide audit is upcoming April 2023.

Policy Review:

A draft of a gaming materials policy was tabled for further discussion with the full Board in April.

The Board discussed the format for the upcoming Library Board of Trustee candidacy selection/interviews.

Mr. Lee requested that the interviews be in public session. Mr. Ross indicated that the Board would discuss and send out format to all participants, with interviews occurring the week of 3/27.

Discussion regarding funds available and what to move to plans for the parcel was initiated. Mr. Azzi explained RFQ vs RFP. Mr. Moody indicated that RFQ (s) should be marketed to firms that have the capability, landscape architects, with proper qualifications. Mr. Moody and Mr. Azzi will bring forth those qualified for consideration with Mr. Azzi to write a proposed RFQ.

Past RFP specifics to be reviewed by Mr. Moody.

Mr. Ross moved to adjourn at 5:55 PM, seconded by Mr. Moody. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

Next Meetings: 4/18/2023 and 5/16/2023 4PM

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Hodgdon Interim Secretary 3/21/2023

