

**NORTHBOROUGH FREE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES' MAY 16, 2023**

PRESENT: Michelle Rehill (Chair), Mitch Cohen, Richard Tucker, Beth Tsamis, Brittany Burns, Pat Fontes, Jocelyn McElhiney, Jim Hogan

NOT PRESENT: Mary Crowley

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Bruneau, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING REMARKS, & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Chair called the meeting to order @ 7:06 PM. Since this was a remote meeting via Zoom, Chair read aloud Gov. Healey's standard advisory regarding public meetings during the pandemic. She conducted a **ROLL CALL** vote of Board members present. She asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 18 meeting. Motion made by J. McElhiney, seconded M. Cohen. A **ROLL CALL** vote was conducted and the minutes were approved with one abstention

APPROPRIATIONS REPORT: The budget remains on target with 83% expended. Director Bruneau assured the Board that all of the \$ 20,494 remaining in Books and Periodical (#5512) will be spent well before the end of the fiscal year.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The report stands as submitted with the following two comments from the Director. She plans to meet with the Building & Grounds Committee to review the facilities upgrades to be covered by the \$66,210 grant. She then answered question about the switch to LED lighting.

NEW BUSINESS: Chair next turned to the Report submitted by the 2023 Nominating Committee (Pat Fontes, Beth Tsamis, Jim Hogan –Chair). She noted that the report stated that all the current officers have agreed to remain in place for the coming year. She called for a motion to approve the slate as presented. Motion made by B. Tsamis, seconded by P. Fontes. A **ROLL CALL** vote was conducted and the slate of officers was accepted unanimously. The officers for 2023-24 will be;

Michelle Rehill, Chair
Mitch Cohen, Vice Chair
Richard Tucker, Treasurer
Jim Hogan, Secretary

Chair next turned to the language proposed for the historical plaque to be installed on Main Street in front of the Library. After a bit of discussion, the Board, by consensus, opted to revise the language on the plaque. The proposed new wording for the plaque is as follows;

In 1868, Captain Cyrus Gale contributed \$1000 to the start of a Public "free" library. In 1894, Cyrus Gale Jr., the Captain's son, Donated the land and \$30,000 for the library building. The "Gale Library" was dedicated on June 12, 1895.

The next meeting of the Board will be June 13, 2023 @ 7 PM. It will be in-person at the Library.

There being no further business before the Board, Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by R. Tucker, seconded by M. Cohen. A **ROLL CALL** vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair adjourned the meeting @ 7:34 PM

DOCUMENTS REFERENCED DURING THIS MEETING OF MAY 16, 2023

1. Agenda for this meeting of May 16, 2023
2. Minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2023
3. Appropriations Report for May, 2023
4. Library Director's Report for May, 2023
5. Report/Minutes of the 2023 Nominating Committee
6. Photo of the mock-up of the proposed historical plaque