

**NORTHBOROUGH FREE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 2020**

PRESENT: Michelle Rehill (Chair), Mitch Cohen, Richard Tucker, Neeta Karanjkar, Joan Scott, Hamilton Soriano, Jocelyn McElhiney, James Hogan

ALSO PRESENT: Deb Hersh, Jennifer Bruneau

DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED REMOTELY VIA ZOOM.

CALL TO MEETING & OPENING REMARKS: Chair called the meeting to order @7:08 PM. She read Gov. Baker's standard advisory regarding public meetings during the pandemic. Chair conducted a **ROLL CALL** attendance of Trustees present. She welcomed our new Library Director, Jennifer Bruneau to her first Trustee meeting on her second day on the job. Chair then asked for approval of the minutes of the November meeting. Motion to approve (Mitch Cohen) seconded by Neeta Karanjkar. A **ROLL CALL** vote was taken and the minutes were approved with one abstention.

APPROPRIATIONS REPORT: Five months into FY 21, the budget is on track at 33% expended.

ACTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The principal issues discussed were re-opening plans and the upcoming budget difficulties and how they might impact our MAR with the MBLC. Acting Director Hersh and Financial Assistant Whitman met via Zoom with Selectman Scott Rogers to clarify for him how the budget was drafted to ensure continued State aid funding.

She asked for Board approval of the proposed holiday closures for 2021 and noted that Juneteenth (19, June) may be added by the Town. Jocelyn moved approval of the closure schedule, seconded by Joan Scott. A **ROLL CALL** vote was taken and the closure schedule was passed unanimously.

NEW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Bruneau again expressed her thanks to the Board for her appointment and noted that as of Day 2, all is going well.

OTHER BUSINESS: J. Bruneau will be meeting with the Town Administrator and other Town Department Heads to discuss how best to comply with Gov. Baker's orders relating to re-opening and/or closures due to Coronavirus.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn and noted that the next Board meeting will be **January 12, 2021 @ 7 PM** and will be conducted via

Zoom. Motion to adjourn made by Mitch Cohen and seconded by Jocelyn McElhiney. A **ROLL CALL** vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hogan, Secretary