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**NORTHBOROUGH FREE LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES APRIL 13, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Michelle Rehill (Chair), Mitch Cohen, Joan Scott, Charles Recchia, Neeta Karanjkar, Richard Tucker, Jocelyn McElhiney, Jim Hogan

**NOT PRESENT:** Hamilton Soriano

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jennifer Bruneau (Library Director), Jim Diguili (Zoom host)

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

**CALL TO MEETING & OPENING REMARKS AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Chair Rehill called the meeting to order @7:09 PM. She read aloud Gov. Baker's standard advisory regarding public meetings during the pandemic. Chair next conducted a **ROLL CALL** attendance of Board members present. Chair noted that we had to conclude our meeting by 7:45 to allow the Nominating Committee to conduct its scheduled meeting via the same Zoom session. Chair next announced that Jocelyn McElhiney has decided not to be reappointed to the Board. Chair noted many of Jocelyn's significant contributions to Board business over the years, significantly filling in as secretary and as treasurer. Jocelyn was always there to do the work required and offered wise counsel and advice. She will be sorely missed and was wished the best in the future. Several Board members seconded these offerings. We will miss Jocelyn as a Board colleague and hope that she might rejoin us at some point in the future. Chair then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of March 9, 2021. Motion made by M. Cohen and seconded by J. Scott. The motion passed in the affirmative with one abstention.

**APPROPRIATIONS REPORT:** The budget is on track with 60% expended.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** The Report, which mostly deals with the library's re-opening plans, stands as presented with a couple of comments. The Annual Appeal response has now hit \$10,000. The Director noted that the Library plans to re-open on Monday, May 3, 2021. The plan has been reviewed by the Town Reopening Committee and the Town Administrator. There was a brief discussion of the policy regarding face masks after the re-opening. C. Recchia then moved that the Director and Staff's reopening plans be approved. Motion seconded by J. Hogan. **A ROLL CALL** vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE:** Chair noted that she had appointed this year's Nominating Committee. The committee members are Mitch Cohen (Chair), Neeta Karanjkar, and Joan Scott. The committee is charged with producing the slate of Board officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary) for 2021-22, and presenting it to the full Board at the May 11, 2021 meeting. The formal Board vote on the slate will take place at the Annual Meeting on June 8, 2021. Chair then reminded the Nominating Committee that was meeting tonight at 7:45.

**The next Board meeting will be by May 11, 2021 @ 7 PM**

There being no further business before the Board, Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by J. McElhiney and seconded by Neeta Karanjkar. A **ROLL CALL** vote was taken the motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:31 PM

**DOCUMENTS REFERENCED DURING THIS MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2021**

- 1. Board of Trustees Agenda, Meeting of April 13, 2021**
- 2. Minutes of the Board meeting of March 9, 2021.**
- 3. FY 22 Appropriations Report YTD.**
- 4. Library Director's Report**
- 5. Appointment of 2021 Nominating Committee and its charge.**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**James Hogan, Board Secretary**