

BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
August 18, 2020

Meeting Called By	Connie Franciosi
Type of Meeting	Regular
Recording Secretary	Matthew Gerritsen
Attendees	Trustees: Connie Franciosi (presiding), Matthew Gerritsen, Beryl Domingo, Janet Dye, Robyn Golden, Andrew Harding, Nancy Sarno
Call to Order	7:05 p.m.
Meeting Adjournment	8:40 p.m.

Special Meeting was held via video conference held on Zoom. The date, time and access information were posted pursuant to the relevant open meeting rules. Video record of meeting was inadvertently not maintained.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL:

It was moved (Dye) and seconded (Sarno) to approve the Agenda, passed unanimously.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Draft minutes of July 8, 2020 submitted for approval. It was moved (Dye), seconded (Golden) to approve the Minutes of July 8, 2020 with clerical corrections, passed unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Gift of chairs from Bridgewater Improvement Association being reviewed by Historical Commission.

Noted Boston Globe Front Page article discussing the digital divide of access to the internet.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Email regarding the Board's diversity statement.

David Moore request to address the Board.

E-mail message from the Director of Finance in response to Board's request regarding funds controlled by Board,

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staff member retired.

Budget exemption granted for hiring two open staff positions to enable operations to qualify for state aid and certification.

Expect Library to be fully compliant for certification for FY 2021 for both materials and staffing.

New website includes Trustees with contact button for Trustees. The website is expected to go live when staff is up to speed on content management.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee Reports were submitted.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

The Board held an in-depth discussion of the Board's diversity statement and appropriate modes of distribution. Trustee Harding agreed to draft press release regarding same. Discussion of forming a board committee in response to statement.

Trustee Gerritsen provided information from Charter Revision committee regarding Board requested amendments.

Trustee Gerritsen agreed to provide the Board resolutions encapsulating the recommendations of the ad hoc committee regarding the Board's Powers and Responsibilities.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Historical Commission discussed with Board the possibility of displaying certain historical items in the Library in light of the Town converting the Memorial Building into office space and no longer having capacity to act as a memorial building or give access to the public. Trustees and director discussed that Trustees cannot instruct the director to act. Director agreed to consider the Historical Commissions request.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carlton Hunt discussed the open meeting laws and its impact on Board communication outside of called meetings and the Board's interest in revising the Home Rule Charter.

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: September 15, 2020.

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There being no further business the meeting was, upon motion duly made (Sarno) and seconded (Golden), adjourned at 8:46 PM.

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3 messages

Matthew Gerritsen <magerrit68@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 12:35 PM

To: asulmonte@bridgewaterma.org

Good afternoon, Mr. Sulmonte.

I hope you have been well through the COVID quarantine.

On March 12 I sent you the attached letter on behalf of the trustees looking for some information regarding funds donated to the Library.

As you know shortly thereafter the Town offices shut down and we have not had another meeting or been able to access the library.

If you received the letter prior to the shutdown and sent a response would you mind forwarding an electronic version to me?

If you haven't, or didn't, please review the letter and let me know if you have the information. The Board hasn't reported the funds under its control for a while and we are trying to get its affairs in order.

We also need to know if we need to designate a Trustee to act as Treasurer of if the Town Treasurer continues to also serve as the Board Treasurer

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Matt Gerritsen

**Letter From Board to Director of Finance.docx**

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Matthew Gerritsen <magerrit68@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 11:07 AM

To: asulmonte@bridgewaterma.org

Good morning, Mr. Sulmonte.

I;m following up on my letter of March 12 and my email of June 9.

Would you please advise the Board of funds held by the Town and if your office continues to serve as Treasurer for the board and. if so, in what capacity,

Thank you for your attention,

Matt Gerritsen

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Sulmonte, Anthony <ASULMONTE@bridgewaterma.org>

Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 11:08 AM

To: "Guerrini, Laurie" <LGUERRINI@bridgewaterma.org>, "Phillips, Jed" <jphillips@bridgewaterma.org>

Cc: Gerritsen <magerrit68@gmail.com>

Hey Laurie and Jed, lets discuss the request made by Mr. Gerritsen (below).

What is your availability next week?

Tony

Anthony Sulmonte

Town of Bridgewater

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