



# WFL BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MINUTES

**DATE:** Wed., May 19, 2021

**TIME:** 4:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Virtual - ZOOM Meeting

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?pwd=O6gqj0iGdZodTuoQWkD42gZeBfXP9lb>

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**Board Members/Attendees Present:** Melissa Dyer (Chair), Aprilleigh Lauer (Vice Chair) Deanne Bonnar, Nancy Rice (until 6:01 pm), Joanne Robertson (until 6:02 pm), George Ripley (Director), Margit Price (arrived 4:51 pm).

**Board Members Absent:** Mallory Callinan, Selectman Representative.

**Call to Order:** 4:41 pm by Mel D.

## **Review of Minutes:**

March minutes – motion to accept by Aprilleigh L.; seconded by Deanne B.; vote 5-0-0.

April minutes – motion to accept by Aprilleigh L.; seconded by Nancy R.; vote 5-0-0.

**Announcements:** Nothing at this time.

**Public Comment:** Nothing at this time.

## **Friends Report:**

A successful first book sale of the year in April (22-24) brought in \$2327. The May book sale starts tomorrow and runs through Saturday (Thu./Fri. 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Sat. 9:30 am - 2 pm). The Friends is looking for help cleaning up afterwards around 2 pm on Saturday.

First in-person meeting back at the library will be Tue., June 15 at 4 pm in the library courtyard.

## **Foundation Report:**

The “Bridging the Gap” campaign to fund the library’s budget gap is at ~\$70,000 with pledges bringing it up to ~\$75,000. Contributions can be made by sending a check to the Wareham Library Foundation, P.O. Box 485, East Wareham, MA 02538, or by going to [supportwarehamlibrary.org](http://supportwarehamlibrary.org) and donating online.

Zoom author event on Thur., June 17 with Alison O’Leary, one of the authors of the 3rd edition of *AMC’s Best Day Hikes Near Boston*. They’re hoping to network with local ecology groups to get the word out.

## **Correspondence:**

Email from the Blue Hills Observatory about a possible library telescope.

There will be a delay on Mel’s email advocacy due to an overly full schedule, but Margit P. has made progress on her advocacy on our behalf.

## **Old Business:**

“Volunteers for shelving” will remain on the agenda until the library is open fully to the public and such assistance may again be required. It will be re-addressed at such time.

### **New Business:**

Currently, items overdue for six weeks are automatically billed as being lost (under normal circumstances, the associated library card is still usable until fines exceed \$10). George R. proposed shortening the waiting period before the loss bill is generated to two weeks.

The Board voted 5-0-0 in favor of the proposed change.

### **Director’s Report:**

Based on hours/week we should be fine for certification even with existing staff, but we will need to add some evening hours either during the summer or by September.

Circulation and door counts are both up, as are new patron registrations. The digital book club is going well and Borrow-a-Librarian requests are picking up.

George will be departing at the end of May (last day will be Sat., May 29) to take on a new role as the Director of the Westport Library. He will be missed, but we are very happy for him in his new position. The job opening has already been listed by Human Resources, in addition to the two empty part-time library assistant positions.

The lights in the library’s rooms and bookshelves (not including the meeting rooms) are being upgraded to motion-activated lights.

### **Trustee Matters:**

Aprilleigh L. recommended Mel D. be asked to extend her term, as permitted in the current bylaws. Deanne seconded. Vote to take place next month.

**Next Meeting:** To be determined by email in the next few days due to limited membership present and the need for a quorum.

**Motion to Adjourn:** 6:11 pm – motion made by Deanne B.; seconded by Aprilleigh L.; agreed by all present.