



# WFL BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021

**TIME:** 2:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Virtual - ZOOM Meeting

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMpdO6gqi0iGdZodTuoQWkD42gZeBfXP9Ib>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Board Members/Attendees Present:** Melissa Dyer (Chair), Aprilleigh Lauer (Vice Chair), Joanne Robertson, Nancy Rice, Deanne Bonnar, Margit Price (trustee applicant), Holli Van Nest (trustee applicant).

**Board Members Absent:** Selectman Representative.

**Call to Order:** 2:31 pm by Mel D.

## **Review of Minutes:**

May Minutes accepted as amended during meeting. Motion by Deanne B.; seconded by Joanne R.; passed 5-0-0.

**Announcements:** Nothing at this time.

## **Public Comment:**

Holli Van Nest introduced herself to the Board.

## **Friends Report:**

The June book sale brought in \$2,134 in sales and \$93 in donations, for a total of \$2,227. The July book sale is Thursday, July 22 through Saturday, July 24. Setup is Wednesday beginning at 11 am and help is always needed.

Anyone able to help determine the value of vintage books is encouraged to contact Nancy Kennedy, email: [onsetgrandma7@gmail.com](mailto:onsetgrandma7@gmail.com)

The Friends will sponsor a free outdoor concert by the New England Irish Harp Orchestra at the WFL on Saturday, July 31, at 3:00 pm.

## **Foundation Report:**

The Foundation had their annual author event on Thursday, June 17. Allison O'Leary, author of *Best Day Hikes Near Boston*, hosted a virtual talk followed by a group hike at Myles Standish State Forest on Saturday, June 19.

## **Correspondence:**

Mel D. sent a thank you note to the Wareham Garden Club on behalf of the Board for their work at the library.

**Old Business:**

“Volunteers for shelving” will be suspended on the agenda until such assistance may again be desired and will be re-addressed at that time. Reference Librarian Steven Miller reports the return of our shelving volunteers.

**New Business:**

We need to re-clarify the language in the amended Bylaws regarding terms on the Board. Mel D. will draft a letter to the town.

**Director’s Report:**

Dorene Allen-England, Assistant Town Administrator, sent Mel D. the cover letters and resumes of the four applicants for the position of library director. Mel D. was invited to attend their interviews tomorrow. More trustees will be invited to participate in the second round of interviews.

**Trustee Matters:**

The Town acknowledged receipt of the updated Bylaws.

Aprilleigh L. motioned that we recommend Margit P. to the Board of Selectman as a new Trustee; Deanne B. seconded; passed 5-0-0.

Aprilleigh L. nominated Mel D. as Chair, as discussed last month and permitted in the 2020 Bylaws; Nancy R. seconded; passed 4-0-1.

Mel D. nominated Joanne R. as Vice-Chair; Deanne B. seconded; passed 4-0-1.

Mel D. nominated Aprilleigh L. as Secretary; Joanne R. seconded; passed 4-0-1.

Aprilleigh L. shared a draft regarding board recruitment, including two of the documents she reviewed to come up with her own draft. A revised job description is included. Also included is the creation of a packet for new trustees, including such matters as information about the library, its hours, its staff, and short biographies of town administrators and trustees.

For our next meeting, trustees are to look at the draft and come back with recommendations. Also, trustees are to compose their brief thumbnail biographies, and mail them to Aprilleigh L. Library staff will be asked to contribute their biographies.

Margit P. sent a document, with bullet points, about advocacy for the library. This topic started a discussion which will continue into our next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

Meetings return to the previous schedule and location of every third Thursday in the Wareham Free Library conference room. With confirmation from all trustees, the next meeting will be Thursday, July 15 at 5:00 pm.

Dates for the rest of 2021 are August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16.

**Motion to Adjourn:** 4:00 pm – made by Aprilleigh L.; seconded by Nancy R.; passed 4-0-0.