Uxbridge Free Public Library Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2024

Attendees: Trustees Mark Wickstrom, Mary Jo Bazarian-Murray, Ann Fields, Allison Lurie, Judy Lynch, Mark Francis, Library Director Chris Powloka and Asst. Director Sonya Campbell.

Called to order 7:05 pm
Executive Session not rejoined as no new information available. Director Chris Powloka presented FY 2025 Budget request. In a change from years past, the Town Manager will present/defend the Budget at FinCom/Select Board hearings, Director will attend in case of questions. Director noted that the Town is now paying energy costs and these line items are not part of the Library's budget. Adjustments will be made to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners calculations for State Aid and local funding reflecting this change. MOTION MADE by M.J. Bazarian-Murray, 2ND by M. Wickstrom to approve budget as presented, passed unanimously.

The Board sadly noted the passing of Trustee Jerry Lemire, former past President of the Board. MOTION MADE by M. Wickstrom, 2ND by M.J. Bazarian-Murray to spend up to $300 for flowers/donation in Jerry's honor. Motion passed unanimously.

Two people have submitted Talent Bank submissions regarding the open Trustee seats. As per the Town Charter the appointment must be done by a joint meeting of the Trustees and the Select Board. This meeting has been scheduled for 6 pm (prior to the start of the scheduled BOS meeting start of 6:30) on February 12, 2024. Trustees can participate via zoom, a quorum (7) must be present. The Chair will poll members prior to the meeting to gage attendance.

Director Powloka reported on his attendance at the January 19, 2024 Legislative Breakfast held at Hopedale Public Library. He also presented his monthly report.

M. Francis reported that $10,000 is being transferred from Merrill Lynch to Unibank checking account to fund Trustee expenses. As Treasurer C. Silva was not at the meeting no Treasurer's report was presented. M. Francis reported that Sean Kolloff of Merrill Lynch will be calling him on January 24, 2024 to discuss changes to the investment portfolio.

Warrant Articles for May SATM were discussed, C. Powloka is awaiting input from Town Counsel regarding wording of the Articles. M.J. Bazarian-Murray expressed concern over putting the Articles on the Warrant since we don't own the property needed for a renovation/expansion project and can't move
forward. Board will decide whether to put the Articles on the Warrant at the February meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE by J. Lynch, 2ND by A. Fields, motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:47.

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