

TOWN OF STAMFORD, VERMONT
— Chartered 1753 —

STAMFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members present: Caroline Burch, Rebecca Gamari, Linda Rodovick, Tyna Senecal, Danielle Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Burch to approve the minutes of November 2022, seconded by Rodovick.

TREASURER'S REPORT/LIBRARY REPORT:

The majority of our focus was on budget this evening.

TOWN BUDGET:

After a lot of discussion, we feel that it makes the most sense to seek level-funding from the town. While there are areas we are hopeful to keep improving upon that additional funding would certainly help with (namely programming), we feel like we have enough money in our fund balance that can be utilized when needed.

Our budget line items will remain as is. We are happy with the work we put into the budget last year to better reflect our spending and they are still working well.

PROGRAMMING:

We were thrilled with the turnout for Carol's program. We discussed the feasibility of organizing additional programs short staffed and are hopeful to have one for Valentine's Day.

At 6:15, CB, RG, LR and TS went into executive session. They returned to the regular session at 6:25. The librarian was given a 4% raise.

RENOVATION UPDATE:

We are excited that the school board has approved funding for the windows. Smith spoke with the principal about how best to move forward. She will be meeting with Carl Newsome next week. With this finally in place, we can begin to make plans for the closet and window seat. Burch will reach out to Mark about this.

OTHER:

Caroline noted that the Clarksburg Library was looking for a new librarian and it could potentially lead to some possible applicants looking for hours here.

We clarified the holiday policy to note that Christmas Eve would always be closed and New Year's Eve would be a decision we made year to year based on the day it fell.

As a reminder, Linda's seat is up for re-election and our annual report needs to be done and sent to Lori by the 20th. Linda reiterated that a change to our term length needs to be approved by the town and would not go into effect until the following year. We all agreed that having a 3-year term limit makes more sense.

*Motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. made by Burch, seconded by Rodovick.