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<b>DPL TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES</b>	
<b>JULY 29, 2019, NEWBRIDGE ON THE CHARLES, 6:30 PM</b>	
<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Board of Library Trustees, Dedham
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Special Meeting
<b>CO-CHAIRMEN</b>	Margaret Connolly and Mary Ann Sliwa
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Monika Wilkinson
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Margaret Connolly, Tracy Driscoll, Mary Ann Sliwa, Monika Wilkinson, Chuck Flaherty, Rosemarie Shrewsbury,
<b>PUBLIC ATTENDEES</b>	Richard Pierce, Ronnie Pierce, Abbey, Jeannette Evans

The July 29, 2019 meeting of the Dedham Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 pm by Ms. Sliwa.

Ms. Connolly announced that the meeting would be a continuation of the previous week’s interviews for Library Director.

Ms. Connolly stated that while she was impressed by all three candidates, after careful consideration Candidate A was her first choice. She pointed to Candidate A’s experience as a director, particularly her experience advocating for a budget, working with a large staff of union employees, and interacting with Town departments in her role as Director. She said Candidate A’s responses were impressive during the interview.

Ms. Sliwa stated that in looking at the Important Qualities document agreed upon during the search process, it was clear that communication was important. She agreed that Candidate A possessed strong communication skills, as seen in her written report, writing samples, and in her responses. Management is also a quality we deemed important. She, too, pointed to the experience of Candidate A and stated she would select her as her first choice. Ms. Sliwa said that she was “hard-pressed” to make big distinctions between candidates and vacillated between the choices. She stated that Candidate B has impressive experience in his role as branch supervisor, overseeing a busy library and managing a large staff. She said that Candidate C had impressive experience with programming, showed a great web presence, had a very strong writing sample, and appeared to develop staff and volunteers effectively. She said that all are “excellent candidates.”

Ms. Wilkinson started by thanking the Search Committee for their deep dedication to finding high quality candidates and for moving forward three strong choices. All Trustees echoed this sentiment. Ms. Wilkinson then expressed the hope that all candidates would be made aware of the Board’s positive impression of them. She stated that the decision was difficult, but her support would first be for Candidate A for her experience that most closely fits that of our Dedham Public Library. She spoke of the impressive qualities of all candidates.

**Action Items:**

No discussion ensued. No action items addressed.

Ms. Sliwa left Town Meeting proceedings at 9:32.

Ms. Wilkinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 upon her departure from the continuing Town Meeting and the loss of a quorum. Ms. Driscoll seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Monika Wilkinson