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**DPL TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
 APRIL 29, 2020, VIRTUAL, 4:00PM**

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Board of Library Trustees, Dedham
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Virtual Board Meeting
<b>CO-CHAIRMAN</b>	Margaret Connolly and Mary Ann Sliwa
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Tracy Driscoll
<b>ATTENDEES VIA BLUEJEANS</b>	Margaret Connolly, Sarah Santos, Mary Ann Sliwa, Monika Wilkinson, Tracy Driscoll, and Amber Moroney
<b>PUBLIC ATTENDEES</b>	Gianna Bird, Laura Bowler, Abby Bragg, Cecilia Emery Butler, Marissa Campanella, Lisa Desmond, Ellen Dockham, Jeanette Evans, Julie Harvey, Bob McQuirk, Rosemarie Shrewsbury, Mary Ellen Stokes

**PLEASE NOTE DUE TO THE COVID19 PANDEMIC THIS MEETING WAS HELD  
 VIRTUALLY VIA BlueJeans**  
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The meeting of the Dedham Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:09pm by Co-Chair, Ms. Sliwa.

**Public Input:**

Cecilia Emery Butler asked if the Board planned to do a press release announcing Ryan Brennan’s departure as Library Director and Ms. Amber Moroney’s appointment as Interim Director. Ms. Sliwa stated that this had already been done and was scheduled to run in the local papers by the end of the week.

Ms. Emery Butler then asked that the Trustees share upcoming agendas with the Friends of the Dedham Public Library because she cannot find them posted on-line.

**Discussion and Vote Minutes of April 15, 2020**

A motion to accept the minutes of April 15, 2020 was made by Ms. Connolly and seconded by Ms. Wilkinson. Seeing no discussion a roll call vote was taken. Ms. Connolly, yes; Ms. Driscoll, yes; Ms. Santos, yes; Ms. Sliwa, yes; Ms. Wilkinson, yes.

**Discussion and Vote Minutes of April 21, 2020**

A motion was made by Ms. Driscoll to accept the minutes of April 21, 2020 and seconded by Ms. Santos. Seeing no discussion a roll call vote was taken. Ms. Connolly, yes; Ms. Driscoll, yes; Ms. Santos, yes; Ms. Sliwa, yes; Ms. Wilkinson, yes.

### **Discussion Pandemic Strategic Plan Working Group**

Ms. Connolly stated that a Pandemic Strategic Plan Working Group would be formed by the Interim Director and Ms. Driscoll and Ms. Wilkinson would represent the Trustees. Other participants would be determined. The first meeting will take place on Friday, April 24, 2020 via Zoom.

### **Discussion and Vote Salary for Interim Library**

Ms. Sliwa discussed the difficulty of conducting a director search at this time. She stated that Ms. Moroney, as Interim Director, will be facing unprecedented challenges while leading the library through an ongoing pandemic. Therefore, Ms. Sliwa recommends the Board vote for the Interim Director to receive the salary matching the budgeted director's salary of \$100,000.00 retroactively to the time of appointment. A motion was made by Ms. Connolly and seconded by Ms. Wilkinson. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Connolly, yes; Ms. Driscoll, yes; Ms. Santos, yes; Ms. Sliwa, yes; Ms. Wilkinson, yes.

### **Director's Update**

Ms. Moroney discussed that both Newton and Brookline had furloughed all part-time employees, which made up approximately 50% of their library staff. To date Dedham, through the Town Manager, has not discussed any need to cut budgets.

### **Old/New Business**

Discussion took place around the use of the Town's virtual meeting platform BlueJeans. All Trustees voiced their frustration with the platform. Concerns of note were the poor audio; the inability to control video and audio of participants; the limited number of participants that can be seen; the lack of a mechanism to notify participant wants to ask a question (Zoom has a hand-raising feature); and the need to download an app to use. It was determined that the Trustees would go back to using Zoom and look into having only the Board on audio after public input takes place and possibly turning off video as well for non-board participants. It was determined that for Tuesday's meeting the Trustees would continue to use Zoom.

The next Trustee's meeting was scheduled for May 13, 2020 at 4pm. This meeting will be held virtually using Zoom.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Wilkinson at 4:46pm and seconded by Ms. Santos. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Connolly, yes; Ms. Driscoll, yes; Ms. Santos, yes; Ms. Sliwa, yes; Ms. Wilkinson, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Driscoll