

JAFFREY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 12, 2019

Time: 11:30 pm

Chairs: Pat MacIsaac and Lou Casagrande

Present:

Lou Casagrande, Pat MacIsaac, Suzanne Mieso, Ann Marie Furnival, Emily Carr – arrived 11:40,
Travis Shattuck – arrived 12:10 (alternate)

Library Director: Julie Perrin – left 12:50 pm

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Item	Motion/ Second	Vote
Call to order at 11:32 by MacIsaac.		
2020 Budget discussion to finalize budget submission to the Town Manager The distinction between the gross strategic budget and the budget request to the Town was clarified by Perrin and Casagrande. There was a consensus that with the high level of growth and usage at the library, the full operating budget needed to be supported by Trustee managed trust funds as permitted by policy and legal requirements, in addition to the Town supported budget.		
Motion by MacIsaac, seconded by Mieso for Perrin to present the town-funded operating budget at \$319,308 for the FY 2020.	PM/SM	5:0 Motion passes
Motion by Casagrande, seconded Furnival, to dedicate up to 3% of non-restricted, trustee-managed funds for the library's operating expenses in FY 2020.	LC/AF	5:0 Motion passes
Building Safety update and Wi-fi considerations: Perrin shared recent discussions with the police department regarding safety concerns at the library. Multiple issues have been ongoing, and the possibility of restricting late night Wi-fi access has been raised by both the police and library staff. Perrin consulted with the IT service technicians and researched other libraries and reported that it is not uncommon for public wi-fi to be restricted after hours, but also expressed concern that we provide access for families who may need wi-fi for homework after we close.		

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Motion by Carr, seconded by Mieso to restrict public Wi-fi access between 11 pm – 5 am daily. Action: Perrin will contact Twin Bridge Services to make arrangements and notify the Police department once service has been adjusted.	EC/SM	5:0 Motion passes
<p>A discussion followed regarding the importance of the library being a welcoming place for all, the promotion of diversity, and the growing issues facing public libraries across the nation, including issues related to homelessness. Perrin recommended that the board watch the film, The Public, which illustrates some issues and is set in the Cincinnati public library. Casagrande referenced recent articles Perrin had distributed to the board about these growing challenges in public libraries. There was further discussion as to the roles and responsibilities of director versus trustees in the day to day operations of the library, even as pertains to staff safety, and the importance of upholding our core values of equity and universal access. Perrin left at 12:50 pm.</p>		
Adjournment at 1:00 pm	PM/LC	5:0 Motion passes
These minutes recorded by Julie Perrin/Lou Casagrande		