



**NORTH KINGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING September 12, 2022**

PRESENT WERE: Varuna Abeywardarne, Rini Georgekutty, Dan Humbyrd, Dianne Izzo, Martha Parks, Elizabeth Suvari, Lori Vernon, Susan Aylward, and Jenn Boettger. Guest: Tom Sgouros

1. **Call to Order-** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Kingstown Free Library held on Monday, September 12, 2022 was called to order by Board Chair Elizabeth Suvari at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6 (c) Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Secretary of State's website.
3. **Approval of minutes of the July 18, 2022 meeting:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022 meeting on a motion made by Dianne Izzo, seconded by Dan Humbyrd.
4. **Budget and Finance Summary Report:** Interim Director Aylward reviewed the summary of the FY 2022 budget, still being closed by the town's finance department. Her internal figures indicate a budget surplus of \$5,624.54, which will reduce the \$92,207.22 fund balance deficit carried over to \$86,582.68. She also reviewed the State Grant-in-Aid figures for FY 2023. The NKFL will receive \$345,378 combined tax-based and endowment-based grant-in-aid.
5. **Director's Report:** The Board discussed the following issues outlined in the Director's Report: their concerns about the air quality in the building given various mechanical problems with some of the older HVAC equipment; requesting help from the town in financing some of the larger expenditures to maintain the building; the rain garden rehabilitation project; the proposals to replace the meeting room carpet and the window shades in the library workroom; and some features needed on the web page, including a donation button.
6. **Update on Library Staff:** Interim Director Aylward reported that Lee-Ann Galli has been promoted to the position of Youth Services Coordinator. She will retain her responsibility for Teen Services. We have posted Lee-Ann's Assistant Librarian position in the Youth Services Department. This position will include the responsibility for services to preschoolers through elementary school age children.
7. **Public Comment**—Kathy McGregor from the Friends of the Library spoke about the library gardens that the Friends help to maintain; John McDermott from the Willett Free Library shared thoughts about the way in which library users select materials to borrow.
8. **Adjournment**—The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. by unanimous vote on a motion made by Martha Parks, seconded by Rini Georgekutty.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Aylward, Interim Director