

Minutes: Board of Trustees, The Field Library, Monthly meeting

Thursday March 16, 2023

<b>Present:</b> President Most	<b>Trustees Present:</b> Kelley, Romeo, Bloom
Vice-president Cosentino	Noble, Alexander,
Treasurer Foster	<b>Trustees on Zoom:</b>
Secretary Douglas	<b>Trustees Absent:</b> Smith, Galella
Director Brown	<b>Guests Present:</b> Brigham
<b>Guests on Zoom:</b> Srinivasan, Fortina, McDonough	

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Previous minutes to meeting January 19, 2023

Moved to be accepted by Foster, seconded by Cosentino. Unanimously adopted.

Previous minutes to meeting February 16, 2023

Moved to be accepted by Cosentino, seconded by Romeo, Unanimously adopted.

**Director's Report:** Two items to be discussed in Executive Session, Report accepted as offered.

**Statistics:** no report

**Treasurer's Report:** Current trends are in line with proposed/adopted budget.

**Friends of The Field Library:** New events being planned. Chapel Hill "meet and greet" on 4/6. Friends considering a "Volunteer Award" for the Book Store volunteers.

**WLS Report:** April 4 named National day of recognition to all libraries. Workshops scheduled to meet with requirement to have 2 hours of training for all trustees.

**Grants:** No report

**Committee Reports:**

**Audit:** Three proposals received for review for next year's audit by committee for March decision. Choice of auditor to be voted upon under New Business.

**Facilities** Committee met to discuss Fire drills, use of meeting rooms by City of Peekskill Police Department, ongoing communication improvements to be discussed further.

**Fund-raising:** Consider participating in National Library Giving day, 3/28

**Governance:** Policies on videoconferencing by Board members under review. Bylaw revision regarding to be finalized for April meeting adoption.

**Human Resources:** no report

**Nominating committee:** Charter review under discussion. One more potential trustee to be interviewed,

**Old Business:** no report

**New Business:**

**Resolution Authorizing Videoconferencing for Board Meetings Under Extraordinary Circumstances.** Discussion to rescind this policy as it was not feasible to comply with the mandates. Motion to rescind policy by Alexander, seconded by Bloom. Unanimously voted.

**Tax Cap:** Motion to adopt resolution on Tax cap moved by Romeo, seconded by Alexander, Unanimously voted.

TAX CAP RESOLUTION OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIELD LIBRARY

We the undersigned, being the President and Secretary of The Field Library, a corporation organized and existing pursuant to an absolute charter granted by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, hereby certify that the following is a true and

complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths of the whole number of trustees at a meeting held on the 16 of March 2023, and

that such resolution remains in full force and effect.

WHEREAS, the adoption of this 2024 budget for The Field Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Field Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2024 by at least the sixty

percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on March 16, 2023.

**Capital projects budget:** Rewording of resolution as attached  
Motion offered by Douglas, seconded Romeo Unanimously voted.

March 16, 2023 Board Resolution- Capital Project Funding

**Resolution to Fund Capital Project Costs from Memorial Fund:**

Whereas the 2023 Operating Budget, presents a balanced budget and

Whereas the Board had previously approved capital projects for 2023 that were totally grant funded and some of those projects require funding by the SAM Grant and

Whereas the capital project grant costs totaling approximately \$71,000 as of March 15, 2023 have been paid from operating cash which has reduced the cash balance below acceptable levels and

Whereas the Board determined that these additional capital project costs should be funded from the Memorial Fund until the SAM Grant reimbursement,

Now, therefore, the Board authorizes the Library Director to withdraw no more than \$71,000 from the Memorial Fund Snapshot account before December 31, 2023 to cover the capital projects completed by February 28, 2023.

**Auditor selection:** Proposal moved by Foster, seconded by Cosentino to select Nugent as Auditor for the coming year, Unanimously voted

Moved to adjourn to Executive Session 8:04 pm. Moved by Most, seconded by Douglas. Unanimously voted. Purposes of Executive Session to discuss Human Relations issues; evaluation of Executive Director.

Moved to adjourn 8:52pm

Moved by Douglas, seconded by Alexander, Unanimously voted.

Next meeting March 16, 2023