



Willington

Public Library

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**Willington Public Library  
Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2023**

**Roll call and establishment of a quorum** - Present: KarenAnn Caldwell, Joan Taraskiewicz, Kathy Ryan, Joy Wrona and Co-Directors: Debbie Linares & Hope Gove. Also present were newly voted in members: Nick Tella & Jennifer Tehan.

**Call to order** - Was made at 7:08pm. This meeting was held in person in the conference room of the library. The library is no longer holding meetings via zoom.

**Election of New Officers / Committee Assignments** - Suggested roles were passed around to board members by the board chair & vice chair. The board voted on who should be seated in which position. By unanimous vote: KarenAnn Caldwell is Chairperson, Joan Taraskiewicz is Vice-Chair, Joy Wrona is secretary, Nick Tella is Treasurer, Jen Tehan is the Intra-Library Liaison, which leaves the Fundraising Chair, to be voted on at a later date.

**Directors Report** - Patron count for November was 726, which was up from last year's 703 and 587 from November 2021. The Friends of the Library's Craft Fair and Bake Sale went off very well. Thank you to all who participated! The Winter PJ party is all set and scheduled for December 15th. Santa will be there! Ollie Ornaments are available for \$5 each in remembrance of the library's guinea pig, Ollie. The library is having a Secret Holiday Book Sale that is going well. Come buy a wrapped book. They make great gifts for any reader!

**ARPA** - The ARPA meeting for November was canceled.

**Retaining walls and dead ash trees** - 1 Ash tree has since fallen down. The Town Public Works Dept. was notified and Troy came out to look at the situation. He said the town has a contracted company who does tree work. He will notify them and get back to us...nothing yet. Directors are also looking into companies who can help us take the rest of the ash trees down safely.

**Treasurer's Report** - November's expenses included annual deep freeze renewal, Fiber & internet, and the Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC) membership renewal.

**Old Business** - Building committee update - The committee will meet again after the new year to discuss next steps. Jen Tehan has shown interest in joining the committee.

**Collection Development Policy** - The draft was received by board members to be voted on for approval. Joan made a motion to approve the policy, but to add the addition of 'digital books.' Nick made a suggestion to include library apps such as 'Libby' into the policy. Some grammatical errors were pointed out by Joy and Kathy that will also be corrected. Jen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with the above stated corrections.

**New Business -**

- 2024 dates for the library board meetings were discussed. Meeting dates will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month unless stated otherwise.
- The Co-Director's will arrange with Berkshire Bank to have the Town's new Treasurer, Douglas Roberts, along with our new Library Board Treasurer, Nicholas Tella, put on our banking accounts as authorized Signers.

**Board Concerns - N/A**

**Present to Speak** - Matt Clark our new Selectman & John Tehan joined our meeting. John Tehan brought up the issue of the library possibly switching to solar panels.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joy Wrona,  
Secretary

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