

Milton Public Library Trustees  
Monday, November 13, 2023  
Milton Public Library, Trustees Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

1. Call to order at 7pm. Members present: Jim Potter, Paul Hays, Jaime Levash, Kris Hodlin, Phil Driscoll, Hyacinth Crichlow, Sindu Meier, Michael Musto, John Folcarelli
2. Citizen speak: none
3. Secretary report: motion Phil, Paul second, pass unanimously
4. Report of the Treasurer/Finance Committee
  - a. Town Treasurer Johanna McCarthy  
Kidder building funds discussion. 500K, received by town last day of August, put into account at rockland trust. Town has relationship with rockland trust, town has several accounts there. We can only spend interest from the 500k.
  - b. Quarterly review
    - 1.5 (1 full time, 1 part time) plus more book funding
    - 3.3M in free cash, \$400K to school building committee
    - 2.7 percent increase for “standard budget” (contractual increases, contracts like elevator contract)
    - We are requesting an additional 87K for staffing – would get new full time position, a new part time position, and would increase several of current part timers by 5-10 hours a week.
    - Anticipating 64k from state aid for fy24, increase of 5k since last year
  - c. Approval of FY25 budget proposal
    - Approved: folcarelli motion, musto second, passed unanimous
5. Report of the Building committee:
  - a. No update, engineer firm hired to do study
  - b. Patio: railings being made
6. Report of the Equity and justice committee
  - a. met with friends to recap annual event. Prelim date for next year: September 5
7. Strategic planning committee:
  - a. reviewed fy25 action plan (has to be reported out to MBLC every December)
  - b. Motion to approve FY25 action plan submission to MBLC: motion by John Folcarelli, Hyacinth Crichlow second, approved.
8. Library director’s report:
  - a. Had a few internet issues last few weeks, working through it
  - b. Wifi usage up to 7,000 sessions per month, last year same time period was 5k, so might need to increase bandwidth of public internet
9. Action/Discussion: Proposed Recorded meetings by-law article.

- a. Sense of Board is that Board supports said recordings for full board meetings of library Board.
- 10. Next steps for library partner orgs: foundation met with Bartholomew to formalize investment plan.
- 11. Update on book bans and challenges in the commonwealth
  - a. Massachusetts has had more book challenges than Florida has had (re: book ban efforts). Recently introduced legislation at state level to protect against such book ban challenges.
- 12. Staff development funding request
  - a. Request for assisting Sarah to go to Columbus, Ohio for public library association conference
  - b. Motion to approve: kris motion, paul second, approved unanimously.
- 13. Future meetings:
  - a. January 8<sup>th</sup> next meeting
- 14. Motion to adjourn 8:28 – Hyacinth motioned, Philip second. Unanimous.