

Bancroft Public Library
Board of Trustees – Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting

Present were Ed Donoghue, Alesa Wilson, Rachael Armstrong, and Rebecca Brown. Also present was Library Director Lori Stokem, Town liaison Evera Sue Clary, and Friends Treasurer Wendy Hunter.

Minutes: Alesa Wilson made a motion, Rachael Armstrong seconded, to approve the September 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes. All being in favor the motion was carried.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

Finance Officer's Report: Vouchers from the Library Fund Nos. 58 through 63 and totaling \$1725.67 were audited and ordered paid. Rachael Armstrong made a motion, Alesa Wilson seconded, to accept the Financial Statements as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

In case it is necessary to exceed the tax cap imposed by state law during the 2024 budget year, Alesa Wilson made a motion, Rachael Armstrong seconded, to adopt a resolution permitting the library board to override the tax levy limit. By unanimous vote of those present, the motion was carried; see attached Resolution No. 3 of 2023.

Library Director's Report: See attached.

Committee Reports: None.

Old Business: Regarding the 2023-2024 NYS Aid for Library Construction Grant, SALS has accepted and approved the application submitted, and now it is up to the State Education Department to review and approve.

Regarding the 2024 Preliminary Budget, the only possible amendment would be proposing an increase in funding, on the Salem Central School ballot next spring, to allow for more staff hours/programming.

Regarding a future project which would expand Bancroft Library into the old fire bays, the Board of Trustees of the Bancroft Trust indicated they were open to the idea.

New Business: Alesa Wilson made a motion, Rebecca Brown seconded, to approve the amended *Internet and Electronic Resources Policy* as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

The next regular meeting was set for Thursday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2023

TAX CAP OVERRIDE

WHEREAS the adoption of the 2024 budget for the Bancroft Public 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 adopting a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Bancroft Public Library, at a meeting held on October 10, 2023, by unanimous vote of 4 out of 5 Trustees present, hereby adopts this resolution allowing the tax levy limit for 2024 to be exceeded.