

**Bancroft Public Library**  
**Board of Trustees – Minutes of the November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Present were Ed Donoghue, Kim Erbe, Alesa Wilson, and Rebecca Brown. Rachael Armstrong was excused. Also present was Library Director Lori Stokem, Friends Treasurer Wendy Hunter, and Southern Adirondack Library System Director Sara Dallas.

**Minutes:** Alesa Wilson made a motion, Ed Donoghue seconded, to approve the October 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes. All being in favor the motion was carried.

**Public Comment:** Friends Treasurer Wendy Hunter gave an update on the progress of the annual wreath sale.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Finance Officer's Report:** Vouchers from the Library Fund Nos. 64 through 69 and totaling \$1692.29 were audited and ordered paid. Alesa Wilson made a motion, Kim Erbe seconded, to accept the Financial Statements as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Library Director's Report:** See attached.

**Committee Reports:** None.

**Old Business:** Regarding the 2023-2024 NYS Aid for Library Construction Grant, we are waiting for approval from the State Education Department.

Regarding the 2024 Budget, once we know what the Town has budgeted for the Library, the Library Board will adopt the updated budget at its December 12, 2023 regular meeting.

Regarding a possible expansion of Bancroft Library into the old fire bays, and using a SALS Challenge Grant to procure architectural plans for future use, discussion was had and the Board tabled the decision of whether to apply until the December meeting.

**New Business:** Regarding the expiring term of Trustee Rachael Armstrong (12/31/23), who would like to continue, Kim Erbe made a motion, Alesa Wilson seconded, to nominate her for another 5-year term effective January 1, 2024. All were in favor and the motion was carried. Her nomination will be presented to the Town Council for appointment at their regular meeting on November 15, 2023.

The next regular meeting is set for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM.