

**Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Dudley Municipal Complex — Room 210
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 — 6:15 pm
Meeting Minutes**

**Approved at the
12/5/23 Library
Trustees Meeting**



The meeting was called to order at 6:12 P.M.

In attendance were trustees Ben Craver— Chair, Joyce Nierodzinski, Kate Horne and Pat Korch—Secretary. Richard Clark and Adriana Buda were absent.

Pat Korch made a motion to adjourn from Open Session to convene in Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A§21(a)(2) – To conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining session or contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Interim Library Director Candidate) and to reconvene into Public Session at the conclusion of the Session.

Seconded by Ms. Nierodzinski.

Roll call vote: Ms. Nierodzinski—aye; Ms. Horne—aye; Mr. Craver—aye; Ms. Korch—aye. **Unanimous.**

Public meeting reconvenes: 8:04 p.m.

Pat Korch made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene into Public Session.

Seconded by Ms. Horne.

Roll call vote: Ms. Nierodzinski—aye; Ms. Horne—aye; Mr. Craver—aye; Ms. Korch, aye. **Unanimous.**

Meeting scheduled with Jon Ruda, Town Administrator, re reclassification for Anne was cancelled. It was to be rescheduled, but to be held at the Library as there were only two staff members and the library would have to be closed if the meeting was at the Municipal Complex.

Ms. Nierodzinski opened a discussion on the reupholstery of library furniture in the Children's Room. She provided images of the two chairs and loveseat that were to be reupholstered that showed there was no wear on the chairs and little wear on the loveseat. She also said that new carpeting was needed, but some threads should be cut but that the carpeting needed a good cleaning. She recommended cleaning of both the chairs, loveseat and the carpeting on at least an annual basis, possibly on a long weekend. Ms. Nierodzinski offered to be in the library during this process. She also stated that she would never vote to reupholster the furniture or replace the carpeting at this stage.

Ms. Nierodzinski also stated that the Youth Services Librarian's office needed to be cleared to allow a clear exit into the back storage room.

Regarding the Veteran's Day holiday: The town employee handbook states that when the holiday is on a Saturday, all town departments are closed on the Friday before, and Jon Ruda stated that the library should honor what was in the handbook.

Ms. Korch made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm. Ms. Horne seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Korch, Secretary