

## Bellingham Public Library Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/17/2020, Special Meeting FY 2022 Budget Revision

Present: Bernadette Rivard, Library Director, Carol Bird, Chair, Amy Bartelloni, Vice Chair, Sue Garten, Nicole Buckley, Notetaker

Absent: Laura Howard

Meeting called to order by Carol Bird at 7:02 PM. We are meeting at a special meeting to discuss the FY2022 Revised Budget.

Bernadette presented a budget that was voted on at the December Trustee meeting last week. On Friday the Governor signed a bill that increased State Aid. Bernadette reworked the budget and although still presenting the level service budget as requested by the town, is also presenting the budget with revised staff increases. Bernadette met with the Chair and Vice Chair to present the revisions. They called a meeting of the trustees to put forth a vote and to allow for questions to be answered.

The narrative shared by Bernadette explains the justifications for the increases proposed. Bernadette read the FY2022 budget revisions, explaining the increases.

We will need approximately \$30,000 in additional funds from FY 2022 State Aid to cover the part time salaries.

We will still have \$11,000 left in June 2022, which is enough of a buffer to be comfortable with the revision.

Questions:

Question from Amy Bartelloni-Do you have concerns with maintaining the raises the following year? Bernadette replied: We shouldn't have trouble, we should be able to get a little back each year as we did in the past (2008) until it is fully funded. This is not the first time that we have had to use State Aid. Libraries can spend State Aid on whatever Trustees see as the need for at the library.

Sue Garten made a motion to approve the FY 2022 revised budget, Carol Bird seconded, all in favor (Amy Bartelloni and Nicole Buckley)

Meeting was called to a close at 7:09 by Carl Bird.