

REVISED DRAFT MINUTES FOR EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – SATURDAY, MARCH 28th, 2020 – 5 PM

The meeting was held telephonically. Present: Jennifer Alexander, Paul Henkel, Ken Jue, Sally Miller, Kathleen Packard, Judy Putnam, Bill Stroup, Kathleen Kennedy Burke, Jane Pitts, George Scott, Carl Jacobs, Charles Prigge and Library Director, Marti Fiske.

The trustees assembled online at 5:00, with the first few minutes devoted to logistics. After a roll call vocal acknowledgement of presence, chair Alexander opened the meeting at 5:10.

She asked anyone on the line from the public to identify themselves; there was no one in attendance.

The chair read this statement: I would like to acknowledge the partnership the Keene Public Library Trustees and the City of Keene have as we both share the responsibility for the oversight of the library. In this unprecedented crisis we look to government and healthcare experts and government for guidance. During this Corona/COVID crisis we currently find ourselves in, we have looked and will continue to look to the City of Keene’s Emergency Management Team for ongoing guidance. We are thankful and appreciative of the City employees and government officials for all they are doing at this time to prepare and protect our community.

I would also like recognize the consistent and ongoing compassion, proficiency, and professionalism of our library director, Marti Fiske, and the Keene Public Library Staff. In this crisis the one thing that has been consistent is change. Everyday we are presented with new challenges that demand creative solutions. Marti and the staff have responded to this ever changing situation with positivity, patience and flexibility and we very much appreciate them for this and their continued and ongoing professionalism. As a Board, we support Marti’s leadership and will continue to support Marti throughout this crisis.

Jennifer asked the public if there were any items that needed to be brought to discussion. No public member brought forth anything.

The board then prepared to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel matters. Jennifer made the motion: that Trustees of the Keene Public Library go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel matters. Motion seconded by Paul Henkel.

A roll call vote was held:

Jennifer Alexander in favor

Paul Henkel in favor

Ken Jue in favor

Sally Miller in favor

Kathleen Packard in favor

Judy Putnam in favor

Bill Stroup in favor

Kathleen Kennedy Burke in favor
Jane Pitts in favor
George Scott in favor
Carl Jacobs in favor
Charles Prigge in favor

The motion passed. The board moved into non-public session at 5:15 pm.

At the conclusion of the non-public session, the chair made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. It was seconded by Sally Miller.

A roll call vote was taken:

Jennifer Alexander in favor
Paul Henkel in favor
Ken Jue in favor
Sally Miller in favor
Kathleen Packard in favor
Judy Putnam in favor
Bill Stroup in favor
Kathleen Kennedy Burke in favor
Jane Pitts in favor
George Scott in favor
Carl Jacobs in favor
Charles Prigge in favor

The motion passed.

The following motion was adopted in non-public session:

Because of the risks of COVID-19 to the community and the staff, the Board of Trustees approve the closing of all in-person public interactions at the Keene Public Library. Chair moves that the Board of Trustees concur with the action by the City Manager to furlough selected members of Library Staff to continue until the conclusion of the Declaration of the State of Emergency as determined by the Governor, unless earlier recalled to service.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Kennedy Burke, Secretary KPL Board of Trustees