

## *Jacob Edwards Library*

### **Minutes of June 24, 2025**

James Dyer called the Library Trustee meeting of June 24, 2025 to order at 12:04 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Gary Bridgman, James Dyer, Dick Whitney, Bernadette Meade, Liz Golz, Mel Blake and Janet Jenkins. Margaret Morrissey, Library Director, was also present. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

The minutes for the May 27, 2025 meeting were read. Janet Jenkins motioned to accept the minutes, Dick Whitney seconded. So voted.

Chair Report –James talked with Carolyn McKinley, President of FOJEL regarding alignment and communication going forward. Liz Golz circulated Bank of America forms regarding re-appointment as a bank trustee. The Town Manager has created a preliminary draft job description for Library Director. The Town cannot recruit for this position until there is an official notice from Margaret with finishing date.

Financial Report – For clarity, the Trustees wish to transfer all but \$50,000 from the People's Bank account to the Bartholomew "Endowment Fund of The" account number B37-489975.

FOJEL –Regarding the 501(c)(3) status, the IRS has approved the application retroactive to September 2024. A tax return needs to be filed for fiscal year 6/2024. Book sale and raffle is to take place in November 2025.

Chess Park- Bernadette shared fundraising plans. Dick Whitney suggested that budget breakdown/detail be available when asking for \$500,000 for the Chess Park.

Director's Report – Margaret Morrissey discussed matters of repairs, programming and patron behavior in the Director's Report. A second grant application has been submitted to MA Office of Disability Municipal ADA Accessibility Grant for \$250,000 for the elevator. The IMLS has cut certain grants affecting databases etc.

Gary Bridgman motioned to accept a gift of \$5,000 from Dexter Russell to be deposited into gift account. Mel Blake seconded. So voted.

At this time Margaret Morrissey left the meeting and James Dyer called an Executive Session. The session adjourned at 1:04 PM.

Bernadette Meade motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 PM, Mel Blake seconded. So voted. The next meeting will be on July 22, 2025 at 12:00 PM.