

**Bent Northrop Memorial Library**  
**Special Trustee Meeting Minutes Draft**  
**January 28, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Laura Fulwiler called to order at 6:02 PM

**Present:** Laura Fulwiler, Peter Burns, Bridget Howrigan Rivet, Jonathan Delabruere, Susan Magnan, Sarah Montgomery, and Kristina Bolduc (all present remotely)

**Guests:** None

**Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Not required, they will be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting in November.

**Treasurer's Report:** The budget was referenced from an updated version, this listed the fiscal year surplus funds up to \$11,544.

**Librarian's Report:** N/A

**Friend's Report:** N/A

**New Business:** The Town of Fairfield Select Board decided not to include the article creating and funding the reserve fund for the Library on 1/25/2021. The Trustees reviewed various options on what to do with the surplus funds. Discussions included leaving the surplus in the funds account and revisit next year, use the funds to offset the library budget request from the taxpayers, explore budget options in reducing other revenues to offset the inclusion of the surplus and maintain a more consistent tax request the following year, future possible inclusion of this article, and the limited time to petition and collect signatures requesting the article be included this year. Susan M. had to leave for another obligation.

- (1) Motion was made Peter B. – To leave surplus funds from 2020 in the fund balance, do not reduce tax request for 2021 budget, and readdress at a later date. Seconded by Kristina B. Further discussion included, appearance of high/low tax requests, time to explore all options. A call to vote was made, 1 vote in favor Peter B. , 2 votes opposed. Laura F. and Kristina B. The motion did not pass.
- (2) Motion was made by Kristina B. – To use surplus funds from 2020 as a revenue in the Library's 2021 budget, reducing the Library's municipal tax request. Seconded by Peter B. Further discussion included, Sarah M's responsible cost avoidance during the pandemic, planning for the unknown future during a pandemic, effects on taxpayers during pandemic, community support, future budget discussions at town meeting day, appearance of large jumps in future tax requests. A call to vote was made, 2 votes in favor Laura F. and Kristina B., 1 vote opposed Peter B. The motion passed.

**Adjourn:** Moved to adjourn by Peter B./seconded by Kristina B. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM

**Next meeting: Thursday February 18, 2021 at 4:30PM**

