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Library Board of Trustees
Edgartown Public Library
26 West Tisbury Road, Edgartown, MA
MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023

In the Foster Room

Olga Church called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Trustees in attendance: Olga Church, Nis Kildegaard, Maggie Morrison, Denise Searle

Absences: Julie Lively, David Faber

Guests: Lisa Sherman, Library Director; David Ignacio, president of the Friends

Review of Minutes:

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the October 2023 meeting.

MOTION: Denise Searle, **SECOND:** Maggie Morrison, **ACTION:** Unanimous

Friends Report, and Library Programs: David Ignacio reported on the Friends' first zoom meeting of the autumn and winter season, held on Nov. 2. The group, he said, had a wide-ranging discussion of ways to structure future meetings with more focus on plans and initiatives, less on the "business" aspects of the organization. The Friends are planning to simplify this year's open house on Christmas in Edgartown Weekend, welcoming people with holiday snacks and dropping such add-ons as a fund-raising raffle.

Director's Report: Lisa Sherman

- Lisa handed out a fresh report on traffic into the library, which showed that the October count for foot traffic this year was 6,628. That figure is up almost 32% from the count in October 2022.
- Lisa shared the good news that the Edgartown personnel board has approved her proposal to consolidate two part-time jobs into one full-time position as she looks ahead to the retirement of technical services librarian Alison Leslie at the end of this year.
- Lisa shared a sheet she has prepared together with the library's landscape architect as she works toward being able to go out to bid on the landscaping project. Prevailing wage laws in Massachusetts complicate the task of preparing cost estimates, she said – and she's working with town hall officials to bring this into sharper focus.
- Lisa reported that another HVAC compressor has failed and that Brennan & Co. is working on it. She has been advised by Brennan, however, that the company plans to end its service to commercial customers, including the library. She said that together with the police station, Juliet Mulinare (the town's building

manager) is planning to bring Matt Millard in to assess the library's climate control systems and advise on best strategies going forward.

- Lisa noted that the library will soon need to draft another 5-year strategic plan, and that she has signed up for a workshop on planning to help her prepare for this project.

Fundraising/Gifts Received:

MOTION: To accept gifts totaling \$1,500 from the Friends of the Library.

MOTION: Nis Kildegaard, **SECOND:** Denise Searle, **ACTION:** Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 – in person at the library, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nis Kildegaard, secretary*