Leigh Elliott, Vice Chair of the Barrington Public Library Trustees, said that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor’s Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Trustees as a public body are authorized to meet electronically. Trustees in attendance and the Library Director, participated remotely through zoom, and all motions were voted on by a roll call vote.

**Present:** Trustees Leigh Elliott, Susan Frankel, Lydia Cupp, Karen Towne, Robert Drew, Karolina Bodner, and Melissa Huette, (Library Director). Absent: Lindsey Maziarz

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Leigh Elliott, Vice Chair.

The 2021 BPL Operating Budget will not change substantially from the current 2020 budget. The increases are highlighted in red, and decreases in green.

There is an increase of $200 for cleaning supplies to supplement paper and sanitizing products provided by the Town. Increased electronics usage by patrons due to the COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in more online fees for accounts such as Zoom, Hoopla, Overdrive, etc. as well as the purchase of CDs, DVDs and movies. With the constantly changing effects of COVID-19, it is difficult to predict exact needs and it is anticipated that changes will need to be made in the months ahead. Since overdue fines are not being collected at this time, there is less money in the miscellaneous fund. The decision whether or not to collect fines will be discussed at a future meeting.

Interviews are continuing for the hiring of a Technology Coordinator. The salary and benefits will be determined by the qualifications and benefits package of the chosen candidate.

The bottom line of the operating budget is slightly less in 2020 due to salary savings when custodian and Technology coordinators resigned before the end of their year.

Susan made a motion to accept the operating budget as presented, seconded by Karolina, and the motion passed by a roll call vote.

At the Sept. 14, 2020 Select Board meeting, Trustee Chair, Lindsey Maziarz, will request input about creating a Capital Reserve Warrant Article for a future new library.

Karen made a motion to adjourn at 7:50, seconded by Lydia, and it was passed by a roll call vote.

Notes were taken by Karolina Bodner, Secretary

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