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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Bethel Public Library Board of Directors  
Monday, January 11, 2010  
7:00 p.m.  
CJH Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

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**TOWN OF BETHEL  
TOWN CLERK**

**Present:** Shani Burke Specht, Chairman, Tom Addonizio, Jane Bickford, Jim Forman, Eileen Freebairn, Daniel R. Gaita, Doratheia Gulya-Stasney, Robin Kahn, Trisha Lewis, Richard Merritt, Terri Rotella and Elisa Volpati.

10:10 A.M.  
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Lynn Rosato, Library Director

**Absent:** None

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chairman S. Burke Specht called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS** Chairman S. Burke Specht announced notification of a grant award, details to be made public later in January, and acknowledged the efforts of former Board member Leslie Mason in obtaining the substantial contribution.

Chairman S. Burke Specht reported on her meetings with Planning and Zoning officials regarding alternative parking spaces. The variance granted for the current building expired October 28, 2008. Parking required when the Library building is completed was approved for the west side of the CJH Municipal Center, but that would be very costly. First Selectman Knickerbocker prefers to do additional research to resolve the issue.

Chairman S. Burke Specht announced that Town Attorneys have requested a Special Meeting with the Board to discuss and resolve the Freedom of Information Complaint in Bickford vs. the Board of Directors, Bethel Public Library. No date was specified.

Chairman S. Burke Specht announced two donations of \$500.00 each to the Capital Campaign from Saul and Sylvia Islam, and the Marshak family. Chair Burke Specht also submitted her in-kind donation report for 2009 in the amount of \$600.00.

At the request of a Board member, Chairman S. Burke Specht asked the Board members, new and continuing, to introduce themselves and describe the experience

and interests they bring to the Board.

### **ELECTION OF 2010 OFFICERS**

#### **Chairman:**

Jane Bickford was nominated by Robin Kahn. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed, and a roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

Voting "yes": Tom Addonizio, Jane Bickford, Jim Forman, Eileen Freebairn, Daniel R. Gaita, Robin Kahn, Trisha Lewis, Richard Merritt and Terri Rotella

Voting "no": Shani Burke Specht and Dorathea Gulya-Stasney

Abstain: Elisa Volpati.

S. Burke Specht handed the meeting over to the new Chair, Jane Bickford.

#### **Vice-Chairman:**

Trisha Lewis was nominated by Terri Rotella. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed and a roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

Voting "yes": Jane Bickford, Jim Forman, Eileen Freebairn, Daniel R. Gaita, Robin Kahn, Trisha Lewis, Richard Merritt and Terri Rotella

Voting "no": none

Abstain: Tom Addonizio, Shani Burke Specht, Dorathea Gulya-Stasney and Elisa Volpati.

#### **Secretary:**

Dorathea Gulya-Stasney was nominated by Trisha Lewis but declined the nomination.

Robin Kahn was nominated by Trisha Lewis. The nomination was seconded. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed and a roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

Voting "yes": Tom Addonizio, Jane Bickford, Shani Burke Specht, Jim Forman, Eileen Freebairn, Daniel R. Gaita, Dorathea Gulya-Stasney. Robin Kahn, Trisha Lewis, Richard Merritt, Terri Rotella and Eliza Volpati.

Voting "no": none

Abstain: none.

#### **Treasurer:**

Tom Addonizio was nominated by Daniel R. Gaita. The nomination was seconded.

There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed and a roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

Voting "yes": Tom Addonizio, Jane Bickford, Shani Burke Specht, Jim Forman, Eileen Freebairn, Daniel R. Gaita, Dorathea Gulya-Stasney. Robin Kahn, Trisha Lewis, Richard Merritt, Terri Rotella and Eliza Volpati.

Voting "no": none

Abstain: none.

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Board members were asked to indicate which committees they would like to serve on for the coming year. Committees will be finalized and committee Chairs appointed by the next meeting.

### **REPORTS**

(1) Librarian's Report: Lynn Rosato handed out results of Library Centennial Survey Five and the Annual Information Summary. She said that there were 420 participants in the 17 Community Reads programs. Lynn will discuss the possibility of acquiring voice recognition software for the library with representatives of the Town's HR Department. Shani Burke Specht moved to accept the Librarian's report. Terri Rotella seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(2) Treasurer's Report: No report

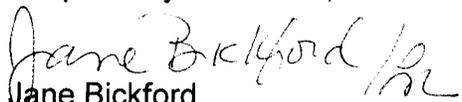
(3) Friends of the Library Report: The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library will take place on January 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seeley Room.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The proposed 2010 budget was discussed. The budget total is the same as that of the 2009 budget. Shani Burke Specht moved to accept the budget as proposed, with a zero increase to the bottom line. Dan Gaita seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Robin Kahn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21p.m. Eileen Freebairn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jane Bickford,  
Chair, Library Board of Directors