EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

1. J Bielot called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM

   Trustees present: J Bielot, W Barney

   Also Present: E Morgen. Library System Director

2. It was decided that the Subcommittee minutes of August 8, 2016 would be tabled until the October Subcommittee meeting
3. Old Business
   a. The 2025-26 budget had been closed out with a balance remaining
   b. Spending of the 2026-27 budget is proceeding on a normal track
   c. It is time to begin preparing for the 2027-28 budget season. E Morgen spoke about the issue of staffing the libraries properly. With a the i9ncreased usage and added program, the loss of four position over the past few years is hampering the ability of the Library staff to meet patron needs. She suggested upgrading two part time position, one at each Library facility, to full time. The Trustees present agreed with her proposal and said that it should be brought to the full Board of Trustees for action. It was also agreed that the repair of the elevator at the Rathbun facility and that window replacement at both facilities should be included in the 2027-28 Capital Budget requests.
   d. There was a discussion about the Town employing a full time Grant Writer. Presently. The Town contracts with an independent Grant Writer on an as needed basis. This idea will require further discussion.
   e. The issue of how to handle donations to the Library System is till be examined.. T Gelston is speaking with other towns that operated without a town charter but have a town library system to determine how they handle donations.
   f. There ws an update on the work of the New Library Exploratory Committee. The Committee is beginning to examine available sites, but public and private.
4. New Business
   a. There was no New Business
5. Audience of Citizens
   a. There was no audience of citizens
6. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM

Submitted by: W Barney, Subcommittee Secretary