

Putnam Valley Library Special Trustee Meeting  
May 31, 2023

Attendees: Terry Raskyn, Leslie Martin, Ginger Lefurgy, Jodi Carlson, Marilyn Power

Absent: Cori Madrid

1. Old Business: Kathy will discuss the stream bank stabilization project with DJ Tavares, to determine his plans for the type of seeds to be used, the composition of the netting, and plans for a coir barrier log. The Trustees authorized up to \$3,900 for the entire project; Ginger moved and Leslie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

2. New Business:

Cori Madrid will be working from home on grants for the library for the time being, rather than attending Board meetings. The Board unanimously agreed to deem this arrangement acceptable.

Kathy and Terry will meet with our new State Senator, Rob Rolison to discuss state funds for the library. The Board agreed to invite him to use the library community room for a public conversation and listening event.

Ginger moved and Jodi seconded the addition to the Board of Tom Pendelton as interim Trustee; the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board agreed that Ginger would be appointed Vice President of the Board, to chair the meetings in the event of Terry's absence.

3. Action items

Marilyn moved and Jodi seconded a motion to amend the by-laws to start the library's business year on July 1; the motion was unanimously approved.

The Trustees agreed that the library will close on June 26 for roof re-shingling.

Ginger moved and Jodi seconded a motion to override the tax cap for one year; the motion was unanimously approved and all Board Trustees present signed the proclamation. The resolution is as follows;

**Whereas, the adoption of this 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 budget for the Putnam Valley Free Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Putnam Valley Free Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on 5/31/2023.**

Jodi moved and Marilyn seconded a motion for the Board to move into Executive session to discuss salaries; the motion was unanimously approved. After the Executive session, the Special Meeting resumed and Ginger moved and Jodi seconded a motion to approve the library's budget; the motion was unanimously approved.

4. The Friends of the Library reviewed their plans for the June 4 jumble event. The Board of Trustees will staff a table at the event to raise funds for the library.