

**Tuxedo Park Library
Meeting Minutes Approved
September 25th, 2024**

The Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Trustees Bakhtiary, Bullard, Davidson, Fennell, Howard, Director Loomis,
Remote: Trustee Gates-Bonaris, 21 Lookout Rd, Tuxedo Park NY 10987

Absent: Assistant Director Sandak

Public Comments:

Jane Hoffman and Councilmember Deirdre Murphy attended the meeting. Councilmember Murphy made a presentation on key projects and asked the library to write a letter of support for the NY Forward Grant.

Key projects include: Pedestrian safety through the Hamlet, beautification through landscaping, lighting and fixtures, public space for gatherings, Rt 17 traffic calming mechanisms including a potential road diet, wayfaring and marketing to visitors, and private projects to stimulate economic development within Tuxedo.

The grant is \$4.5 million which is due in October for the 2024 awards.

This presentation was followed by a discussion.

Minutes: On a motion, made by Trustee Howard and seconded by Trustee Bakhtiary, the July 2024 minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

President Davidson reported for the treasurer and stated that the forecast for the year has remained steady. There have been a few grants that have been awarded to the library from RCLS, and Senator Skoufis for youth programming. We have earned over \$5,000 in interest from CDs during the past year.

Director's Report:

Director Loomis report was circulated prior to the meeting. She reported that the library received the new hotspots totaling 5 and they are very popular. She reported that the library will be at the Tuxedo Fall Festival, where they will offer a craft, encourage guests to take a survey, and a raffle.

The Director then reported that there has been an issue with a bear getting into the library dumpster. A bear proof dumpster has been ordered through the Town.

The LDC Grant was awarded to the library for \$56,822.50, which covers 50% of the proposed project. The RCLS library budget will be on the October agenda and there will be 2 virtual informational sessions that will take place at 6:30 p.m. on September 18th, and September 24th. The director went on to say that Nicole Dillon has done a great job with new programs for the community.

New Business:

Authors' Circle: Trustee Howard reported that author, David Denby, who has written a great book, "Eminent Jews: Bernstein, Brooks, Friedan, Mailer", which is based on mid-century cultural figures. It is a very interesting book that is being published next spring and would be a great book for the Authors' Circle for May of 2025.

Building and Grounds:

Director Loomis said that she has had some lights replaced in the library. The dumpster replacement had been discussed earlier.

Town and Government:

Trustee Bakhtiary reported that the town is trying to switch over to Wednesday meetings and this conflicts with other town boards. They are revisiting the dates.

Memorial Day Committee:

Trustee Bakhtiary is hoping to hold the first meeting on the last weekend in October.

President Davidson reported that the Revitalization grant agreement for the Tuxedo Local Development Corporation has been approved. The director has spoken with Jeff Gundermann from S&B Total Homecare. They are hoping to have the work completed before Memorial Day. Through new fundraising and legacy fundraising, we will be able to cover the remainder of the money needed to fund the project.

President Davidson motioned that we approve the grant and Trustee Howard seconded and it was approved unanimously.

President Davidson put a resolution to put forth our support of the NY Forward grant. Trustee Howard reported that he would be happy to write the letter for the board of the library. The board was unanimously in favor of the letter and will be drafted and signed by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Bullard, Secretary