

**GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SPECIAL MEETING
Friday, May 3, 2024**

1 Call to order

2. Attendance: Chairperson, Henrietta Horvay; Lynette Miller; Anne Green; Josephine Jones; Patricia Sanders; Johanna Kimball

Others: First Selectman, Todd M. Carusillo; Scott Olson:

3. Review the meeting minutes of Wednesday, April 17, 2024: Correct meeting minutes of April 17, 2024 to be amended to reflect the Zoom video. (See attached.)

In a **motion** by Josephine Jones, seconded by Patricia Sanders, it was **voted** to correct the March 20th Library Board Minutes as amended. Voted unanimous.

4. Correspondence to the Board:

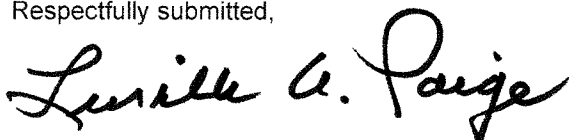
Chairman Henrietta Horvay has been sent a quantity of letters from the residents of Goshen and the public. She gave packets for distribution to each of the members of the Library Board to reviewed wherein their responses will take place at their meeting in May.

A letter from Emile Cole (resident of Goshen) regarding recent accusations concerning the Goshen Library Board. In a motion made by Josephine Jones, seconded by Johanna Kimball, it was voted to be read in the minutes. Voted unanimous.
Copies were distributed to Board members.

5. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Anne Green, seconded by Lynette Miller, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:31p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Lucille A. Paige

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Attest 
asst. Goshen Town Clerk

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
AMENDED MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday April 17, 2023

This meeting held in-person and recorded via Zoom.us and is available as a recording

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm by Chairperson Henrietta Horvay
2. **Attendance:** Patricia Sanders; Johanna Kimball; Chairperson Henrietta Horvay; Lynette Miller; Anne Green; Library Director Tabitha Guarnier; Josephine Jones (zoom).
Others: First Selectman, Todd M. Carusillo; Selectman Scott Olson
3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2024 – amendments:
Patricia Sanders, and Johanna Kimball names misspelled once.
Anne Green seconded a motion.
Anne Kelly, Past President of the Friends of the Library
Page 2, rather than attach a complete letter
Page 3, #8 5th paragraph – Miller states that she didn't say that
Anne Green motions to accept the minutes as amended, Pat Sanders seconded, it passed unanimously
4. **Matters arising out of the minutes:** A motion to accept the amended minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 2024 was made by Lynette Miller, Patricia Sanders seconded it and it was voted unanimously to amend as shown above.
5. **Public Comment:** Barbara Breor; Michelle Pratt; Anne Kelly; Marianne Stilson; Sarah Vallera; Dawna Beausoliel; Russell Hurley; Tony DeMarco; Kathy Kelly; Lucia Miller; Joyce Mowrey; Thy Ho; Susan Wheeler; Scott Olson; Michael Kelly; Marcella Olson
6. **Correspondence:** None
7. **Director's Report:** Library Director Tabitha Guarnieri reported that the Library usage statistics are consistent with the past couple of months. General patrons' visits are up. Statistics show visitors and website visits are increasing.

A **motion** was made to receive the Director's Report by Lynette Miller, seconded by Josephine Jones. **Voted unanimous.**
8. **Acting Treasurer's Report:**
A **motion** was made to receive report by Josephine Jones, seconded by Lynette Miller. **Voted unanimous.**
9. **Presidents' Report:** - None
10. **Old Business:**
Per the agenda – Lynette miller aroused items statements – with prepared documents.

Lynette Miller asked Tabitha Guarnier to send a letter to each of the complainants and to correct the statute noted in the letter to Connecticut General Statutes Title 53A. Penal Code S 53a-193.

Lynette Miller said she's been questioning the reports and personally thinks it's a matter of proper business.

Lynette Miller again states the Friends of the Library is a private 501-3-C, a private charity with no relation to the Town of Goshen, ipso facto

Lynette Miller stated Tabitha Guarneri omitted statues, statement of facts, child obscenity. Lynette Miller read from Statues to support her point.

In a **motion** by Johanna Kimball, seconded by Pat Sanders, to move personnel problems to executive Session at a later date. Voted unanimous.

Director Tabitha Guarneri amended the letter (response to complaints to *Gender Queer*.) Lynette Miller stated she did not read it. Ms. Guarneri clarifies that only one complaint form was "technically" completed, however only 8 of the fifty were not accepted because they were not completed.

Lynette Miller said Ms. Guarneri was playing a game. Lynette Miller refers to the newspaper article. .

A **motion** was made by Pat Sanders, **seconded** by Lynette Miller to table the acceptance of the three (3) page Library letter until the next meeting is held. The motion passed.

The Library Board of Directors has a new mail box.

A **motion** to approve \$100. for membership to the Association of Connecticut Library Board was tabled to the next meeting.

Lynette Miller **motioned** to table the discussion until next month, seconded by Anne Green and **passed** unanimously. Lynette Miller recommended placement of the book:

- 1. Remove the book
- 2. Have contents available digital
- 3. Terminate book
- 3. Terminate visits to Library by children under 16 yrs. unless accompanied by a parent
- 4. Limit location in the Library where the book can be viewed

11. New Business:

Dawn LaValle, Director of the Division of Library at the Connecticut State Library, was unable to attend. Johanna Kimball **motioned** to add Friends of the Library to the agenda, seconded by Pat Sanders. Voted unanimously. Johanna Kimball spoke as a friend of the Library; wants to invite Jeff Johnson to be added to the *Friends of the Library* agenda seconded by Pat Sanders. Voted unanimously.

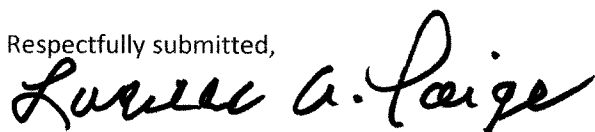
Discussion on minute procedures

12. Any Other Business rightly before the Board: Correspondence read by Josephine Jones into the minutes.

13. Adjournment: In a motion made by Anne Green to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m., seconded by Pat Sanders. Voted unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 AT 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attest [Signature]
Asst. Goshen Town Clerk