

Groton Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 7 pm, Library Historical Room
Approved, 10/10/2023

Attending in Person: Trustees Kate Bettencourt, Mark Gerath, Kristen von Campe, David Zeiler, and Library Director Vanessa Abraham.

Absent: Trustee Helena Altsman

Call to Order:

Kate Bettencourt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Vote Summary

- Mark moved, Kristen seconded, to recommend Jennifer Petersen to the Select Board at the Nov. 6, 2023, for appointment to fill the open seat until the spring election. The vote was unanimous.

Action Items

- Kate will call our candidate
- Kristen will notify our other candidates
- Mark will let Mark Haddad and the Select Board know the Trustees' decision

New Business

Trustee Vacancy Candidate Interviews

The Trustees interviewed seven of the nine candidates as potential Trustees to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of long-time Trustee Nancy Wilder in June. Two candidates interviewed last year when there was a vacancy and they declined to interview again. Two candidates were interviewed last night.

A very sincere thank you to Ralph Loren, Jennifer MacMillan, Christine Prestia, and Tiffany McNamara their interest in serving on the GPL Board of Trustees. They all brought a wealth of experiences to the table, each unique and full of possible value to the GPL Trustees. Each candidate was asked the same stock questions as well as additional questions resulting from their answers of those questions and/or their letters of interest.

After a lengthy discussion, the Trustees agreed to nominate Jennifer Petersen to fill the empty Trustee seat. The Trustees will present Jennifer to the Select Board on November 6, 2023 for joint meeting appointment.

Other Business

- None

Adjournment at 8:55 pm – see vote summary.