

TPL Special Meeting draft minutes  
April 5, 2021  
7PM Virtual

Trustees Present: Anna Dechert, Theresa Fitzgerald, Michael Krauthamer, Mark Bomalaski, Anita Abbot

Community Members Present: Kathi Terami, Sean Maher, Marsha Higgins, Meg Hopkins, Nicole Antal, Caitlyn MacGlaflin, Catherine Freese, Jena Young, TPL zoom host, Casey Potter

Meeting called to order @7:05pm

1. Community Input: None
2. Trustees discussed the Hiring Committee's written recommendation for the proposed candidate for the position of Library Director. Anna briefly reviewed for us the instructions, process, the 4 applicants and the two applicants who were interviewed. The recommended candidate met and exceeded many of the listed qualifications: strong commitment to programming, she wrote library grants successfully, enthusiastic and creative library interactions within the community and innovative outreach to patrons and newcomers, and lastly, a strong vision for the future of our library. Theresa added that the job posting went up on March 1st, and will be up until the post is filled officially. Michael thanked the Hiring Committee for its work.
3. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Hiring Committee to offer the position of Director of the Tunbridge Public Library to Mariah Lawrence at an hourly rate of \$22. Anna seconded the motion. Open to discussion, there was none. Voting was then done by role call. It was unanimous 5 out of 5 trustees voted to offer the position to Mariah Lawrence. No further discussion.
4. Mark offered to be the person to contact Mariah Lawrence with the offer. Michael made a motion for Mark to verbally contact Mariah Lawrence with the offer. Theresa is to follow up with a written offer and address any needed negotiations (hourly wage, hours, benefits). The board will finalize the hire at the next board meeting.
5. ACTION ITEMS: Mark and Theresa will contact Mariah Lawrence as outlined. Michael will post a tentative outline for the TPL trustees next meeting (4/12/21) by Wednesday the 7th. Meeting adjourned.