Nonpublic Session Minutes

Town of Tamworth, NH

Board of Trustees of Cook Memorial Library

Date: April 27 2020

Member Attendance: Allie Kaplan-Thompson (present), Nate Winship (present), Evan Henderson (present), Skip Nason (present), Sheryl Powers (joined at 7:48 pm), Anne Chant (absent) and Robin Gordon (absent).

Motion to enter Nonpublic session was made by Evan Henderson, seconded by Nate Winship.

Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the Nonpublic session:

RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

Roll call vote to enter nonpublic session:

Allie Kaplan-Thompson - Y
Nate Winship - Y
Evan Henderson - Y
Skip Nason - Y
Sheryl Power - not present
Anne Chant - not present
Robin Gordon - not present

Entered Nonpublic session at 7:47 pm.

Other persons present during nonpublic session: Mary Cronin, Library Director

The Board discussed its plan for reducing staffing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the town’s spending freeze on nonessentials. The Board recommends that staffing be kept at just above (2) FTE equivalent, in keeping with its minimum requirement of (2) staff working per shift, and to ask staff who is willing to be furloughed or have hours reduced in anticipation of a decision by the Board at the May 11 meeting.

Note: Under RSA 91-A:3, III. Minutes of proceedings in nonpublic sessions shall be kept and the record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this section. Minutes and decisions reached in nonpublic session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless, by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present, it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any persons other than a member of this board, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective, or pertain to terrorism. In the event of
such circumstances, information may be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

Motion to leave nonpublic session made by Nate Winship, seconded by Sheryl Powers.

Motion: passed.

Public session reconvened at 8:19 pm.

After discussion, no motion was made to seal the minutes.

These minutes were recorded by Allie Kaplan-Thompson, Chair.