

**Westwood Board of Library Trustees**  
**May 20, 2021**  
**Remote Video Meeting**  
**Westwood, MA 7:00pm**

Chairman Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm.

The remote meeting was video recorded by Westwood Media Center.

**In Attendance via Remote Participation:**

Library Trustees: Paul Fitzgerald, Mary Beth Persons, Mary Masi-Phelps, Jessica Cole & Maureen VonEuw. Maria Ryan (not present).

Library Staff: Elizabeth McGovern

Town Staff: Joan Courtney Murray & Christopher Coleman

**Scheduled Action:**

**The Chair of the Library Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Library Director Search Committee, to present to the Trustees the committee's recommendation for a new Library Director.**

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked all involved in the Library Director search, especially Joan Courtney Murray and the subcommittee, Ms. Persons, Ms. VonEuw and Mr. Fitzgerald. Once the search was narrowed down to 7, the committee expanded and included Ms. Arena-DeRosa, Library staff and a former Trustee.

Mr. Fitzgerald explained the whole process and how it was narrowed down to 3 finalists. Ms. Courtney Murray tabulated the feedback, and the committee met again. The committee made a recommendation and he announced that Elizabeth McGovern was appointed as the new Director.

**Board and Staff Comments:**

- Ms. Courtney Murray, thanked all for how the process went.
- All Trustees commented on how the Library will be in good hands, it came back to best practices, all were impressed with the process and that an internal candidate came out as the best choice.
- Town Administrator, Christopher Coleman, valued the time of the Trustees and the candidates. Ms. McGovern shined and so did her passion.

**The Library Board of Trustees to vote on the selection of a new Library Director.**

A motion was made/seconded (Persons/VonEuw) to appoint Elizabeth McGovern as the new Westwood Library Director, The Library Trustees voted in favor (5-0) via roll call vote.

Ms. McGovern was glad that the process was rigorous, and was thankful for the opportunity.

A memo to the Library staff will be issued tonight.

**Public Comment:**

Ms. Levine typed in chat: Yeah Lizzie! Congrats

Ms. Duane typed in chat: Congrats Lizzie! Well deserved!

Ms. Vargas typed in chat: You Rock! I got your six!

Ms. Keene typed in chat: Congratulations!!

Westwood Library typed in chat: Congratulations Lizzie! Thank you Trustees for involving us in the process. We really appreciate it.

**Adjournment:**

At 7:20 pm a motion was made/seconded (Ms.Masi-Phelps/Ms. Persons)to adjourn, The Library Trustees voted in favor (5-0) via roll call vote.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Jessica Cole