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Board of Library Trustees
Meeting Minutes
March 30th, 2026 @ 7 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Members Present: Naomi Price, Nutan Mathew,, Lisa Sheehan

Members Absent: Susan Alessandri, Nicole Haberman

Others Present: Ivana Aguilar - Library Director, Justin Tucker - Night Board Secretary

1. Call to Order: 7:07
2. Continued Discussion & Vote: allocation of funds for power contract payment. - Ms. Price reviewed her conversation with Stephanie Carlisle, the Sustainability Coordinator for Medway Department of Public Works. Ms. Carlisle sent a timeline (*see attached*) that was dispersed to the Trustees. Ms. Price reviewed the cost breakdown and her subsequent questions. Ms. Price explained that DASI stands for Day Ahead Ancillary Service Initiative. It is an additional charge that helps with grid reliability. Ms. Price explained it is a charge that SFE or other utility companies can choose to add on to their bill. Ms. Carlisle asked SFE about it, and they did not respond. Ms. Carlisle also spoke to the Town counsel who said it is most likely that SFE will pass the cost on to the town eventually. There are two options: Option 1 is SFE without DASI, which would be a 3 year total of \$50,935 or option 1A which includes DASI at \$53,909. If the library stays with SFE, it would probably result in option 1a, with DASI, but unsure of when. Ms. Price explained the town in January signed up with ENGIE power company. ENGIE contacted SFE telling them they're taking over the contract, which triggered the cancellation. Ms. Carlisle said they're going to ask SFE for a reissued bill with taxes taken off since the library is tax exempt. Ms. Price explained that Ms. Carlisle informed SFE that the earliest they would be able to pay would be April 16, 2026. Ms. Price

explained that associated legal fees would not be covered under the town's retainer for legal services, which is why they advised the library should just pay the fee. The town is looking for options for paying the penalty so the fee doesn't have to be absorbed by the library budget.

Ms. Sheehan made a motion to allocate funds from the Tchasinsky fund to pay for the SFE contract, seconded by Ms. Mathew, approved by all.

3. Adjournment 7:17

See attachments for information discussed at the meeting.