MAMAKATING LIBRARY BOARD of TRUSTEES MEETING June 8, 2022

1. **PRESENT:** Trustees Patti Andersen, Pam Mann, Jennifer Holmes, Mark Tourtellott, Pamela Rice, and Director Peggy Johansen

ABSENT: Jay Egan & Antoinette King

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

Public Member: No members of the public present

- 2. AGENDA: Motion to adopt the June agenda as amended made by Jennifer Holmes, seconded by Pam Mann. All in favor, motion carried.
- **3. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt May meeting minutes as amended made by Mark Tourtellott, seconded by Pam Mann. All in favor, motion carried.
- 4. **FINANCE REPORT:** Motion made to approve abstract of vouchers for May made by Jennifer Holmes, seconded by Pamela Rice. All in favor, motion carried.

Items of Note:

•The library has returned to making an additional mortgage principal payment through Walden Savings Bank as of May 1, 2022.

5. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Peggy Johansen's comprehensive report was distributed. See attached.

Items of Note:

•The Sullivan County Youth Book Festival was a success with attendance of over 400 people. The next one will be held in May 2024.

•SORA, the public school e-content provided by Overdrive, will soon be connected with the RCLS Overdrive catalog and Libby app for students in Sullivan County.

The Mamakating Farmers Market is underway. The library's table will be staffed by our wonderful volunteers this season. This first market garnered the attention of many people who are new to the area.
The library earned a third bench through the Trex recycling program. The Friends of the Library will be raffling off the bench at either the Farmers Market or the Community Barbeque.

•Reminder: Trustees are required to take the NYS anti-harassment training and three other hours of library trustee training in 2022.

6. OLD BUSINESS

•Long-Range Plan 2022-2026

The board discussed and developed the current draft of the Long-Range Plan, focusing on aligning action items to committees.

Bookcase Update

The board discussed the effectiveness and mobility of the ProtectEd bookcase, and will explore options for either improving the bookcase or finding a replacement.

•Fines

Tabled until September board meeting.

•iPad Funding

Jennifer Holmes will speak with Jeff Bank regarding potential donation of iPad funding

7. NEW BUSINESS

•Staff Appointments

Motion to approve staff appointments made by Jennifer Holmes, seconded by Mark Tourtellott. All in favor, motion carried. Staff appointments include Alethea Pape to Library Clerk and Kate Smith to Page.

•Consideration of Tax Cap Override

Motion to exceed tax cap for 2023 Mamakating Library budget made by Pamela Rice, seconded by Jennifer Holmes. All in favor, motion carried.

Tax Cap Override Resolution

Whereas, the adoption of the 2023 budget for the Mamakting Lbrary requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011 and;

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Mamakating Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2023 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on June 8, 2022.

•2022 Budget

Motion to approve the 2023 proposed budget made by Patti Anderson, seconded by Pam Mann. All in favor, motion carried.

•Committee Reports

Beginning in July, the Board meeting minutes will include short reports from each committee, including the Long Range Plan Committee, the Sustainability Committee, the Building Committee and the Budget Committee.

8. POLICY REVISIONS

N/A

9. PRIVILEDGE OF THE FLOOR

Public Comment – No public member present

Motion to adjourn made by Pamela Rice, seconded by Jennifer Holmes. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Rice, Trustee