

**KIMBALL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**RECRUITMENT MEETING MINUTES**  
**LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**August 19, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Tom Kelley Chair  
Marnie Finn, Treasurer  
Nina Gray for Jill Ottow  
Karen Brown, Library Director

Absent: Karen Trasatti, Secretary, Jill Ottow, Vice Chair

Call to Order: 9:30 am.

A quorum was present.

This is the second and last scheduled meeting to interview candidates for current and future Trustee openings. Each of the two candidates was asked to review RSA 202 and the Trustee By-laws prior to this meeting. The two candidates interviewed today: Tricia Flahive and Patty Murphy.

Trustee members, by agreement, discussed overview aspects of the library, the policies and the underlying democratic principles under which libraries operate. Other Trustees discussed the relationship to the Select Board, the Budget Committee and the affiliation with the Friends of the Library.

Participants were asked specific questions which had been developed earlier by the committee. Today's candidates were given opportunities to ask and answer questions about their interest in and availability for serving as a trustee.

After the candidates left, the Committee members reviewed the list of candidates and rank ordered them based on their perceived readiness to participate. We had prior input from Jill Ottow who participated in the first interview of the first three candidates.

**A motion** was made to nominate Sunaina Chawla to fill the open Trustee position created by the resignation of Rich Geisser in his term which began in 2022 to 2025. Marnie Finn made the motion which was seconded by Nina Gray. The motion passed 3-0. The nomination will be forwarded to the BoS for appointment until March 2023. Ms. Chawla will then be required to have her name on the ballot for a two-year term to 2025.

**A discussion** was held concerning the time and day of the regular monthly meeting which currently is the third Wednesday of each month at 1 PM. The reasons to change to the second Wednesday are several: The data shared in the Director's monthly report is closer to the reporting period, the monthly Friends meeting often adjourns within an hour of the start of the Trustee meeting, it is physically tiring for Trustees and staff who must participate in both meetings which occupy hours in the day and finally the Director is currently unable to participate in the Library consortium on the third Wednesday. This change is being proposed for discussion at the September meeting: to move the monthly Trustee meeting to the second Wednesday at 10 am. The bylaws allow us to make the change with a majority vote.

Adjournment at 11:10am

Prepared by: Tom Kelley, Chair

Post meeting Note: The Town Administrator has placed Sunaina Chawla's nomination on the BoS agenda on Aug 29.