

11-07-2024 S. Mutschler Library

Thank you for making me feel so welcome at the charter revision committee meeting! When I attended the meeting, the board asked me if I had suggestions for the re-wording of Page 15, Letter J, that I said was antiquated. I responded that I would email some wording. Below and attached is my suggestion.

The committee suggested we use Library Commission, similar to the Senior Center, P&R, etc. I looked to see if other Library Boards use Library Commission, and Cromwell, Woodbridge, and Ledyard public libraries do.

Page 15, Letter J

Current wording:

J. Library Board of Trustees. There shall be a Board of Trustees for the Library consisting of seven (7) members and two (2) alternate members appointed as set forth in Appendix B as the terms of incumbent members expire. The Board of Trustees is an advisory body concerned primarily with long range goals and strategic planning to advance the objectives of the Library. The Chairman or his or her designee shall be involved in the interview process and the Board shall make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for appointment to the position of Director. It shall work with the Director to provide support and encouragement to the department and promote its mission in the community. It shall review and recommend whether any gift, devise, or bequest should be accepted and for what specific purpose it should be used: and shall have all the powers conferred on it and perform all the duties required of it by law.

Proposed wording:

J. Library Commission. There shall be a Library Commission consisting of seven (7) members and two (2) alternate members appointed as set forth in Appendix B as the terms of incumbent members expire. The Library Commission, an advisory body who conducts business publicly, is concerned primarily with long range goals and strategic planning to advance the objectives of the Library. The Chairman or his or her designee shall be involved in the interview process and the Commission shall make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for appointment to the position of Director. It shall work with the Director to provide support and encouragement, and take an advocacy role in promoting and publicizing the Library, and its mission in the community. While the Library and Town accepts gifts and donations at all times, of any amount, those consisting of \$500.00 or more, must go before the Board of Selectmen for final acceptance, respecting the donor's stipulations of specific purpose. If not otherwise specified, the Library Commission may make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and Director on how any gift, devise, or bequest should be used to best serve the community.

Thank you!

Susan Mutschler, Library Director