Grand Isle Free Library Minutes Special Meeting November 4, 2024

Meeting call to Order: Howard DeMars called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Trustees present: Karen Allen, Howard DeMars, Glenda Leake, Kate O'Neill, Susan Willard

Trustee Members absent: none

Community members present: Janet Bonneau, Library Director

Budget Meeting:

The Selectboard has asked that we level fund the library budget again this year. The Selectboard has asked to see our budgets from previous years, for comparison. We have retained almost \$12,000.00 in our budget for insurance for the librarian that we have not needed to access as our librarian had other health coverage. The cost of health premiums has significantly increased (almost 42%). The expense for health coverage this year is projected to be \$16,042.00. The new budget will need to include this increase.

The Selectboard asked us to include Microsoft licensing as an expense of \$180.00/yr. This will come out of the technologies portion of the budget, for the government email.

Karen Allen proposed a budget for the 25/26 fiscal year with small decreases in spending in professional development, propane and office supplies. The Trustees discussed line items.

Kate O'Neill moved that we accept the budget as presented and Glenda Leake seconded the motion. No further discussion; it passed unanimously.

Howard DeMars and Karen Allen will present this budget at the Selectboard meeting on November 18th.

Howard DeMars moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm and Kate O'Neill seconded the motion. No further discussion; passed unanimously.

Adjourn 7:25 pm.

Respectfully, Kate O'Neill