

**DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
May 12, 2022
6:30 PM**

The Executive Session portion of the meeting was neither videotaped nor audio recorded.

Due to the increasing concern surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was open to the public through the Zoom Conferencing platform. A recording of the meeting was aired on Comcast Local TV 9 and posted on the Town of Dighton YouTube Channel.

Call to Order Trustee Meeting Started at 6:33.

This was a hybrid meeting with participation through Zoom.

Roll Call – In-person participants: Ron O’Connor, Chair; Rita Araujo, trustee; Ann Meitzen, trustee; Jocelyn Tavares, library director

Zoom participants: none present

With a virtual meeting, a roll call vote should be taken, so that it is absolutely clear what the outcome of the vote is. The meeting must be completely audible. The meeting is recorded.

Ron welcomed Ann Meitzen to the Board of Trustees, as the newly elected trustee.

Ron requested a moment of silence in memory of Erin Ferry, library volunteer and noted resident of Dighton with all of her contributions to the community. Jocelyn mentioned how the library appreciated Erin’s presence and help and enjoyed her time.

Rita moved to approve March 30 and April 7 minutes. Ron stepped down to second.

Ron O’Connor:	Aye
Rita Araujo:	Aye
Ann Meitzen:	Abstention
Motion carries.	

Rita moved to enter Executive Session under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(6)

6. To consider the purchase exchange lease of value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.
 - a) Potential real property acquisition for library operations.

Ron O’Connor, Chair of the Dighton Public Library trustees declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Ann seconded the motion to enter Executive Session.

Ron O’Connor:	Aye
Rita Araujo:	Aye
Ann Meitzen:	Aye

Updates on the progress of acquiring 207 Main Street for the purpose of Dighton Public Library operations were discussed.

- There is no purchase and sale agreement as of this date. The Church must get approval on the town's offer. There is an expectation the town will hear from the church tomorrow.
- Jocelyn met with Joe Shea of Granite City Partners to discuss the needs of the library and the history of the library.
- Senator Marc Pacheco and Representative Patricia Haddad are informed of these developments and are assisting where they are able to.

Rita moved to return to open session. Ann seconded it.

Ron O'Connor:	Aye
Rita Araujo:	Aye
Ann Meitzen:	Aye

The meeting returned to open session at 6:47.