

**DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**April 7, 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 6:34.

This was a hybrid meeting with participation through Zoom.

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

Zoom participants: Michael Mullen, Town Administrator

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.

Approval of minutes were tabled to May meeting.

Eve 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.

Rita seconded the motion to enter Executive Session.

Ron O’Connor:	Aye
Rita Araujo:	Aye
Eve Cabral:	Aye

Town Administrator Mullen explained the process of the potential purchase of 207 Main Street for the purposes of operating the Dighton Public Library.

The town has issued the procurement solicitation. The church has shown interest, but there is a response deadline of two weeks from tonight, April 21.

Town Administrator Mullen would like to arrange professional services and technical assistance to get through this process properly, including coordinating the warrant articles, preparing a package to promote the acquisition and vision of the building and legal fees. This will be put out to bid. Estimated cost of these services is \$10,000.

Town Administrator Mullen explained that the property sale would be funded through American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA) for the town.

Rita asked to confirm that this project will not raise taxes. Mr. Mullen that purchase would not. Also mention of \$150,000 - \$200,000 will address building renovation needs. Potential funding sources are Community Preservation Act, Free Cash or a request to draw from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Ron asked about the New Library Building funds. The intent for those funds are believed to be for new construction for a library facility.

Eve moved to allocate up to \$10,000 of library state aid to pay for the technical assistance services related to the acquisition of property at 207 Main Street, Dighton. Rita seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye  
Eve Cabral: Aye  
Rita Araujo: Aye  
Motion carried.

Rita moved to allocate up to \$4,800 from library state aid to fund two completed property appraisals for potential sites for a new Dighton Public Library location. Eve seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye  
Eve Cabral: Aye  
Rita Araujo: Aye  
Motion carried.

Rita moved to return to open session. Eve seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye  
Rita Araujo: Aye  
Eve Cabral: Aye

Open session begins at 6:56 pm.