

TOWN OF STONINGTON

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BOARD OF FINANCE

LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

TOWN HALL 1ST FLOOR MEETING ROOM

5:00 PM Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Board of Finance Members in attendance: Danielle Chesebrough, Lynn Young and June Strunk

Town Staff- Director of Finance James Sullivan

Members of the Public: Bill Turner


The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

Bill Turner, who sits on the Board of Trustees for the Mystic and Noank Library shared insights on the way that library was tackling their funding challenges and the importance of looking at the challenges facing modern libraries today as a whole.

The discussion among those in attendance focused on outlining the need of the SFL shared with the Board of Finance and examining the previous budget request from the Westerly and Mystic and Noank Library. Discussions focused on the difference between private and municipal library funding models and amounts, as well as comparing Stonington to other libraries in the State of CT and RI. Balancing the needs of the libraries, as well as the existing budget realities was a core focus. By the end of the meeting, the members of the subcommittee came up with questions for the three libraries, such as how resident usage is measured, busiest hours and current funding efforts underway. It was determined that efforts would be made to reach out to representatives from all three libraries to attend the next meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Danielle Chesebrough
Acting Secretary