



## Board of Trustees Special Meeting

**Date:** 04/25/2023

**Location:** Library Community Room

### **Trustees attending in person:**

Caitie Hilverman (President), Dani French (Secretary), Michael Grisham (Treasurer), Jessica Almeleh-Frazer, Linda Friedner, Crystal Jeffs, Miranda Barry, Bill Stenehjem, Sherry Jo Williams, Ryan Kelly, Liz Dickey, Julia Black, Kris Mae Weiss, Maddie Meehan

### **Excused:**

**Absent:** Wesley Brown, Stephanie Royal, Richard Garmise, Kimberly Erwin

**Staff Attending:** Emily Chameides (Director)

**Others Attending:** None

Caitie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. She welcomed trustees and guests.

Purpose of meeting: to discuss and vote on the 2023 414 efforts in Hudson, Greenport, and beyond.

Caitie gave a presentation on the proposed 414 strategy for this year:

### **Summary of past years' effort**

- In 2023, 50% of our income will come from public funds—a consistent, regular source of income over time. This is a relatively low proportion compared to other libraries.
- 93.8% comes from the City of Hudson. 4% is from Greenport, and 2.2% from other towns in our lending area.
- Hudson has double the number of residents as Greenport. The proportion of residents using the library is similar in each town.
- In past years we haven't been able to successfully pass a 414 in Greenport. 30% of registered Greenport voters didn't participate in the 414 proposition in 2017. Emily will double check the info, but the ask was in the 30k range. We lost by 19 votes.

### **Goals for 2023**

- We're hoping to get \$85,000 from Greenport. This would be 1.6% of Greenport's total budget and calculate to about \$13 per \$100,000 of home value annually.
- Only Greenport residents can collect signatures (we need 200 by our June 20 board meeting). We only have two board members residing in Greenport, but we have some Friends in Greenport.

- Liz clarified that tonight is about voting on the dollar amount we'll be asking for, and we'll have a followup meeting regarding strategy.

*A motion to approve the 414 proposal was made by Michael Grisham and seconded by Kris Weiss. Vote to approve minutes was unanimous.*

**Additional conversation**

- Caitie recommended that we don't go for a 414 in Hudson this year, but focus our efforts on Greenport. Ideally in the future we'd go for an inflation raise in both areas every year, and consider a campaign for a 414 in Stockport.
- Michael spoke with Cathy Eldridge about our intentions, and Liz has talked to some folks in the town clerk's office.
- Linda pointed out that while canvassing last year, some Hudson residents asked why we weren't targeting Greenport for more funding and suggested that we do so.
- Ryan asked if there's other unrelated tax asks coming up this year. Liz is going to figure that out and get back to us.

**Next steps**

- Liz is getting the petitions together this week and will give us some talking points.
- The Board of Elections will get us voter data.
- We can't use a library patron list to solicit signatures.

*Motion to adjourn was made at 6:26 by Sherry Williams and seconded by Miranda Barry. Motion was passed unanimously.*

Dani French, April 25, 2023
<b>Recording Secretary</b>

5/18/23
<b>Date of approval</b>