

## Board of Library Trustees

Elizabeth A. Chase (2025) –Marian R. Encarnacion (2024) - Jennifer Marciello (2023) - Deborah McElhinney (2023) - Barry Oremland (2024).

The Library Board of Trustees is the governing body for Walpole's Public Library. The Board has the legal responsibility for the provision of library services, custody of library property, appointment of the library director, expenditure of funds, and determination of library policy. One of the primary functions of a board is to ensure that library services effectively meet community needs. Working with library administration, the Library Board of Trustees also assists in planning and goal setting.

In February, the Board approved an Expenditure Authorization policy to help streamline library accounting procedures. In May, the Board approved a quote to install electric car charging stations for the Walpole Public Library. Anticipated installation of the charging stations is in the spring of 2023 provided that funding from the state is obtained.

In June, Elizabeth A. Chase was elected to the Board. Ms. Chase was elected in place of Lois Czachorowski, who stepped board from the Board in June. At the June 2022 meeting, the Board of Trustees organized for fiscal year 2022 with Deborah McElhinney as Chairperson, Elizabeth A. Chase as Secretary, and Barry Oremland as Treasurer. The board also approved a program budget for the library Summer Reading program. The library's new website went live on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

In August, the Board reviewed and updated the library's Collection Development Policy. The 2022 Summer Reading Program was most successful in recent history. Over 500 adults, teens and children participated in the program. In October the Board approved the 2023 Library Calendar.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the Friends of the Walpole Public Library for sponsoring the many wonderful programs throughout the year and the staff of the Walpole Public Library for their service to the residents of Walpole. The Board would also like to acknowledge the support of the Parents Advisory Board and Teen Advisory Board. The Trustees would also like to thank all who have helped this year with gifts, suggestions, and keen interest in the Library and its functions.

The Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah McElhinney, Chairperson  
Board of Library Trustees