

§ 10.17. Board of Library Trustees.

A. Members and terms. The Board of Library Trustees shall consist of the Town Treasurer, ex officio without vote, and ~~six-nine~~ trustees appointed in the following manner: Annually, the Board of Library Trustees, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall appoint ~~up to two-one~~ trustees ~~as needed~~ to serve for a term of ~~six-three~~ years.

Commented [JS1]: Connecticut - General - Statutes - (C.G.S.) - Sections - 11-20 - and - 21 - (see - Chapter - 3)

B. Vacancy and reappointment limitation. Any vacancy in the Board of Library Trustees, from any cause other than the expiration of a term, shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment by the remaining trustees, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. ~~Trustees may serve two consecutive terms.~~ No person who has served ~~a-two~~ full ~~consecutive three-six~~ year terms as trustee shall be eligible for reappointment to the Board of Library Trustees until after the lapse of one year from the expiration of that person's term of office.

C. Powers and duties. The Board of Library Trustees shall:

(1) Manage, control, maintain, and operate all property of the Town devoted to library purposes, except such property as may be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education;

~~(2) Establish and enforce reasonable fines and penalties for the violation of its rules and regulations; Identify and adopt written policies to govern the operation and program of the library;~~

~~(3) In addition to its free library services, have the ability to provide for the rental of books, periodicals, motion pictures, exhibits, or other library facilities; Seek adequate funds to carry out library operations, monitor the use of those funds to provide library service;~~

~~(4) Turn over money which may be collected in the enforcement of fines and penalties from revenue generating services to the Town Treasurer;~~

~~(5) Subject to appropriation, (a) appoint a Town Librarian with the approval of the First Selectman, and maintain a regular performance appraisal process., and (b) appoint such assistant librarians, clerks, and other employees as may be necessary to maintain and operate the library facilities;~~

~~(6) Determine the duties, terms of service, and the compensation of library employees; and Ensure the library has a strategic plan with implementation and evaluation components.~~

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~~(7) Purchase such books, periodicals, publications, materials and supplies as may be useful or necessary for the operation of the library facilities of the Town.~~

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D. Acceptance and use of private donations.

(1) Acceptance and use. Subject to the provisions contained in this Charter and in the General Statutes, the Board of Library Trustees may accept any gift of property of any character upon any terms and conditions which the donor may prescribe and which may be acceptable to the Board of Library Trustees, provided no gift which imposes upon the Town an obligation to incur any expense in order to keep, use or maintain the gift may be accepted by the Board of

Library Trustees unless it is approved by the RTM. The Board of Library Trustees may establish one or more library funds with any of such property and shall have the exclusive control and management of, may hold title to, and may manage and invest and reinvest, the property in accordance with the laws of the State governing the investment of trust funds.

(2) Management of funds. Subject to the terms and conditions upon which any of such property or funds shall be held, the Board of Library Trustees shall transfer the gross income (Dividends) at least quarterly to the Town Treasurer to be expended by the Town ~~for general for library purposes~~ capital improvements to the library or for such special purposes as may be required to comply with the terms and conditions of any gift or by state standards. ~~The principle within the funds is not to be used for operational budgeting purposes, it is governed and managed solely by the Board of Trustees. The use of any principle within the funds is to be used only for capital investment improvements (outside of annual operating budgets) and thus voted on by the Board of Trustees. To the extent permitted by the terms and conditions upon which any of the property or Board of Library Trustees may transfer to the Town Treasurer the whole or any part of the principal of any library fund to be expended by the Town for general library purposes.~~ Subject to appropriation, the Board of Library Trustees may employ such agents, experts, and other personnel as it may deem advisable in connection with the administration and management of any of such property or funds.

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