



# Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission Minutes 09 March 2022

**Commissioners Present:** Adrian Dias-Mattina; James H. Hershman, Jr., Chair; Mary Pellicano; Russ Woolard

**Commissioners Absent:** Mandy Kinne; Martha Schonberger, Vice Chair;

**Others Present:** Zach Cummings, Councilmanic; Don Cooper, Chair, Friends of Thomas Balch Library

**Staff Present:** Alexandra S. Gressitt, Library Director

**Meeting convened** by Hershman in lower level meeting room, Thomas Balch Library, at 7:05 PM.

**Electronic Recording Statement:** It is the practice of the Town of Leesburg to record meetings of the Town's standing boards and commissions.

**Minutes** of 09 February 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Woolard and a second by Dias-Mattina.

**Library Director:** Report Distributed and attached.

#### **Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc.:**

- The Friends next meeting, in person at Thomas Balch Library, is 10:30AM Tuesday 15 March 2022 TBD in-person/zoom.
- The election of new Board members took place by mail – presented slate approved.
- The spring 2022 *Balch Chronicle* is scheduled for April
- The next fundraiser has been scheduled for 11 September 2022.
- Planning on a small anniversary event in May (ice cream social)

**Thomas Balch Library Endowment Foundation:** Gressitt, Secretary/Treasurer reporting

- 2021 tax signed by Horne and Gressitt; bill received
- The next board meeting, in person, is noon, Tuesday, 15 March 2022 @ noon. The Town Manager has been invited to attend.

#### **Old Business**

- Catalogue Project: Gressitt reported the Project remains part of the proposed FY 23 budget proposal.
- Historic marker for Potters Field: Following extended discussion on location, status, and direction a motion by Woolard with a second by Dias-Mattina for

Pellicano and Hershman to write a status report memo to Council on the Potters Field project and to move forward with it was unanimously approved.

- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration – Following general discussion the Commission supports the Town's plans to present an event on May 6, 2022 in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thomas Balch Library.
- Hershman who had been tasked with writing the anniversary proclamation, presented it for final review which was accepted by the Commission. Cummings will move the approval date up to the first meeting in April to accommodate the May 6 event date.

**New Business:**

- None

**Councilmanic remarks:**

- None

**Commission Comments:** Commissioners were pleased to meet together and expressed concern for Martha Schonberger. Hershman remarked that it was good to see the Potter's Filed project coming to fruition.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 13 April 2022 @ 7PM in the Lower Level meeting Room at Thomas Balch Library.

On a motion by Woollard and a second by Dias-Mattina the meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra S. Gressitt  
Library Director  
10 March 2022