



# Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission Minutes 13 September 2023

**Commissioners Present:** Scott Billigmeier; Paul Coyer; Candace Baracat-Donovan; James H Hershman, Jr. Chair; Adrian Dias-Mattina; Russ Woolard

**Commissioners Present Virtually:** none

**Commissioners Absent:** none

**Others Present:** Don Cooper, President FTBL

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

**Meeting convened** by Hershman in lower-level meeting room, Thomas Balch Library, at 7:00 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:** Minutes of the regular commission meeting of 09 August 2023 were approved on a motion by Woolard and a second by Billigmeier.

**Library Director:** Report attached.

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

- Friends annual event was held 10 Sep 2023 at the George C. Marshall House. Approximately 56 people braved the inclement weather to attend. The program on Loudoun County during WWII was well received.
- Next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 19 September 2023 at 9:30AM, TBL meeting room

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

- Next meeting of the Foundation is 19 September 2023 @ 12 noon at Thomas Balch Library.
- Topics for the next meeting include a presentation by TD Bank and Balch UpKeep fund.

**Old Business:**

- Land Acknowledgement landmark was briefly discussed and carried forward for further discussion as information arises.
- St James' Cemetery was briefly discussed and carried forward for further discussion as information arises.
- History Awards – Ther was extended discussion on the makeup of the History Awards, the need for Commission members to solicit nominations. Hershman will contact Kristen Umstattd and Wynne Saffer for input on the nomination of

George Atwell; Gressitt will contact James Lucier and Harriet Condon for the same purpose. Baracat-Donovan, Woolard, and Gressitt will serve as reviewers. Hershman reminded everyone that the History Awards on November 5 was the official Commission meeting that month and pictures would be taken for use on the website.

**New Business:** A brief discussion of the vacancy with recommendations for commissioners to think of possible nominees.

**Councilmanic remarks:** None.

**Commission Comments:** None.

On a motion by Coyer, seconded by Baracat-Donovan the meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra S. Gressitt  
Library Director  
14 September 2023