



April 3, 2025
Ms Melissa Cordeiro
Town Clerk
Town of Bristol, Rhode Island 10 Court St
Bristol, RI 02809

Dear Ms. Cordeiro:

At our regularly scheduled monthly meeting on February 27, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Rogers Free Library voted to recommend the following candidates for appointment to complete and fill the terms for two vacant Board positions. The candidates are listed in order of recommendation based on criteria and interviews by the Trustees.

1. Nancy Kellner

Intimate knowledge of RFL-worked at the library and served as interim director.
keen understanding of the role of the trustees - served as a trustee at another library.
Has budgeting and finance knowledge.
Retired - time availability

2. Thomas "Bart" Ferris

Business management and leadership skills.
Former small business owner - experience with personnel, budget, policy, risk management etc.
Navy background - connection to the armed forces/veterans' population in our community.

3. Chris Allen

Direct Library working experience.
Lots of community relationships.
Strong attention to detail.
Very active with RFL.
Retired - time availability

4. Kaitlyn Carmody

Has availability, very organized and enthusiastic. Has never been on a board before.

5. David Perry

Has an interest in the library from a user point of view, has town connections. Is enthusiastic about the library.

6. Tina Palmer

Lawyer, Is very involved with Bookfest which is a possible conflict with being on the library governance board and being involved in programming which is an area of the library that the Board of Trustees specifically is not involved with.

All applications were submitted through the Town's website and passed on to the Trustees for review. The vetting of candidates was conducted by a committee of three Trustees: Marie Knapman (chair), Kasey Feijo and Cara Cromwell. The applications of unsuccessful candidates will remain on file for two years. Attached is the selection criteria and conflict of interest approach used by the committee.

We ask you to make your appointments expeditiously so we may restore our Board to its full complement of seven members as quickly as possible.

We would be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mary Parella, Town Council/Library Liaison
Marie Chapman: Chair, RFL Selection Committee