ROGERS
FREE LIBRARY

March 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 final 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

Here are the remaining interviewed candidates in alphabetical order:
Kaitlyn Carmody
Christina Palmer
David Perry

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,

Anne Marie Silvia
Chair, Board of Trustees
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