

**Newburyport Public Library  
Board of Directors Special Meeting  
June 26, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM for the purpose of interviewing finalist candidates for the position of Head Librarian. Attending were: Monica Blondin, Kathy Carey, Barry Connell, James Connolly, Barbara Dowd, Marcia Edson, Sarah Holden, Elizabeth Valeriani, and Mayor Donna Holaday. Gary Gorski joined the group at 9:00 PM for deliberations. Steven Moore and Sarah Spalding were absent.

Three one-hour interviews were conducted with finalist candidates Deborah Kelsey, Giselle Stevens, and Kevin Bourque.

Ten questions were asked of each of the three candidates covering topics ranging from the library's strategic plan to their experiences with union workplaces. The Board was inspired by suggestions from all three candidates, primarily by those ideas that would reach out to groups in the community who might not be current library users, and for nurturing more collaboration with schools and cultural organizations in the city.

At the completion of the interviews, Board members deliberated for an hour about the merits of each candidacy. A unanimous vote was taken to offer Giselle Stevens the position of Head Librarian at the Newburyport Public Library. Mayor Donna Holaday will make the offer to Ms. Stevens. Mr. Gorski will inform the other candidates of the Board's decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Gilman McCarthy  
Acting Recording Secretary