

Chapter 112

LIBRARY BOARD

§ 112-1. Membership; powers and duties.

There shall continue to be a Library Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") consisting of six members. There shall also be two alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen who are electors and taxpayers of the Town of Easton and which shall have all the powers and duties provided by Chapter 190 of the General Statutes.

§ 112-2. Term of office.

The members of said Board shall be elected for a term of six consecutive years in the same manner as the Town officers are elected, with the terms of said members arranged so that not more than two members are elected in any one year and not more than three members of the Board shall be members of the same political party. One alternate shall serve for a term ending on January 2, 2026, and one alternate shall serve a for term ending on January 2, 2024. Thereafter, alternates shall serve for a term of four years.

§ 112-3. Officers; meetings.

The Board shall elect one of its members to be Chair and one to be Clerk thereof. The Board shall hold such regular meetings and special meetings as may be advisable at any time upon giving at least 24 hours' notice to each member before the time of such meeting. The Clerk shall cause to be prepared and filed with the Town Clerk a copy of the minutes and records of each regular and special meeting within seven days from the date of such meeting. At all meetings of the Board, four members shall constitute a quorum and the concurrence of three votes shall be necessary for the transaction of business.

§ 112-4. Vacancies.

Vacancies from death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members at a special meeting called for such purpose. Any member so elected shall serve until the next Town election and until his successor is elected and qualified. At the next Town election following the occurrence of such vacancy, the electors shall elect a successor to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term.

§ 112-5. Management of property.

The Library Board shall have the management and control of all property of the Town devoted to library purposes, except such property as may be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education, and shall maintain and operate the same. The Board may establish reasonable rules regulating the use of its facilities and may establish and enforce reasonable fines and penalties for the violation thereof and, in addition to its free library services, may provide for the rental of books, periodicals, motion pictures, exhibits or other library facilities. All money which may be collected in the enforcement of such fines and penalties shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Town. The Board may appoint a librarian and such assistant librarians, clerks and other employees as maybe necessary to maintain and operate the library facilities and may determine their duties, terms of service and, subject to the approval of the Board of Finance, their compensation.

The Board may, within the limits of the appropriations, from time to time, purchase such books and periodicals, publications, materials and supplies as may be useful or necessary for the operation of the library facilities of the Town. The Board may dispose of the same as may be desirable and necessary for the operation of the library. The proceeds, if any, of such disposal shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Town.

§ 112-6. Gifts and funds.

Subject to the provisions contained herein and in the General Statutes, the Board may accept any gift of property of any character upon any terms and conditions which the donor may prescribe and which may be acceptable to the Board, provided that no gift which imposes upon the Town any obligation to incur any expense in order to keep, use or maintain the gift may be accepted by the Board unless it is approved by the Town Meeting. The Board may establish with any such gift one or more library funds and shall have the exclusive control and management thereof, may hold title thereto and may manage and invest and reinvest the same in accordance with the laws of the state governing the investment of trust funds. Subject to the terms and conditions upon which any of such property or funds shall be held, the Board shall transfer the gross income thereof quarterly, or more frequently, to the Town Treasurer to be expended by the Town for general library purposes or for such special purposes as may be required to comply with the terms and conditions of any gift. To the extent permitted by the terms and conditions upon which any of such property or funds may have been received, the Board may transfer to the Town Treasurer the whole or any part of the principal of any such library fund to be expended by the Town for general library purposes or for such special purposes as may be required to comply with the terms and conditions of any gift. In connection with the administration and management of any of such property or funds, the Board may employ such agents, experts and other personnel as it may deem advisable.

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