

HMML Trustees Minutes 8/18/2020
Via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order: 7:01pm

In Attendance:

John Clark
Robin O'Day
Joan Harlow
Betsy McCombs
Ben Brown
Michelle Wheeler

Not in attendance:

Joe Trombley

Secretary's Report:

No comments on minutes from June or July except fixing Betsy's name. Joan makes a motion to accept the minutes from both months as written, Robin seconds, all are in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

More program costs this month. Comcast is high this year because of some line transfers, it does look like the monthly cost will be higher than previous years, will need to account for that. Efficient LED lighting might account for reduced electricity, it does go up in August due to ACs running.
There are no donations to be accepted.

Director's Report:

We have the shelves and the invoice for them. The first round of shelves and the AC for upstairs will be reimbursed. The invoice for the second round of shelves is in hand and Ben needs to turn over both to the town, the first to be reimbursed and the second to be paid. Ben spoke to Lisa and she said that expenses for COVID supplies would be paid for through the town.

August 17th was the first day the library was open for appointments. Air ionizers and thermometers from the Town Hall. Mostly single people for appointment blocks. Half hour appointments are enough time. It has been posted on Facebook and the website. ETV is going to put it on a slide too. Right now only people 18 and older are allowed in the library but kids

are going to be allowed soon. Robin and John propose that around the time school starts it would be nice if school age children would be allowed back in.

Summer reading is finished for the summer, it was all virtual and lasted for five weeks. There were virtual events and emails with craft and activity prompts. Attendance was lower than usual with 29 kids completing it. This year prizes were gift cards through Water Street Bookstore.

Building/Landscaping/Expansion update

The McPhees generously supplied 20 yards of compost, then we bought the remaining 24 yards. Ms Eva, Sandy Goodspeed and others put together the brick mailing. Patti suggests we don't do any planting until the first major rain storm in September, that would include 7-9 trees, some bushes and flowers weather dependent. Ms Eva and Charlie have discussed that behind the library would be for the children's program.

Charlie says the curtains are up, thank you to Chris Vallone for making them and both Mark and Chris for hanging them. Next is to install blinds, two sets upstairs near the computers and a meeting room. Charlie's going to try to reverse the door on a downstairs closet to give more storage space. He also would like to install an exterior water supply on the front wall especially for all the plants that are going to be put in out there.

Once the plants start going in there will be a request for people who would like to help plant. John says no need to push the planting, aesthetically it looks fine, and if waiting increases the chances for plants to survive it makes sense. Don Rienhold is waiting on granite and step treads for the stairs, that is the hold up.

Brick information is due mid September so that Seth Donaldson can get them done for November 1st. It will take 2-3 weeks to get them engraved. Betsy suggests that a reminder post card be sent out if people don't get them in just so it doesn't get lost in the shuffle. Bricks don't have to be engraved all at the same time but probably no less than 20 at a time.

Robin asks about the proposal that's supposed to be submitted on their own letterhead- from the July minutes:

“Makes a motion for the selectmen to release the \$7000 to Chappell instead of Lorax Landscaping which it was previously allocated to. Voting in unanimous. Joe asks Charlie to get Chappell to sign the proposal on their letterhead. “

Chappell has signed his own bill, there's enough donations from the bricks already to cover the engraving costs, we don't need to worry about that coming out of the bond money. All the bricks, about \$400, are leftover and are at no cost.

Joan makes a motion to adjourn, Robin seconds, everyone is in favor 7:41pm.