

HMML Trustees Minutes Tuesday 5/18/21
Via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02pm

In Attendance:

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

Introductions to John Cody, our new selectman rep.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to accept the minutes as written by Joan, second by Robin, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Betsy reports there is nothing notable about finances this month. She is waiting for an invoice for the gutters. Otherwise we have a couple thousand dollars left in the fund for landscaping. The library needs a check to Magnusson Farm for soil and wood chips. Extra will be used for the children's area.

Lunch provided on Saturday for the volunteers, check in with them on Friday.

Lisa Fogg looked over Betsy's reports and said everything looks good to her, haven't heard back from the auditor.

No donations to accept.

Director/Youth Report

Ben reports that Eva got a grant from the Exeter Garden Club, it's in her name so she will use it for library supplies. The amount is \$300.

The library is officially opened to the public without appointments as of May 3rd. No temperature screens, no locked doors, pre pandemic hours. Curb side pick up is tapering off, masks are still required in the building. The occupancy is capped at 30 people currently, meeting sizes are capped at 12 people for the community room. The smaller meeting rooms have been used a lot. We're still keeping a list of who's coming in for contact tracing. The staff is close to being fully vaccinated.

There will be summer reading programs, a hybrid of virtual and at least three outdoor events. The theme is centered around wildlife this year.

Ben will start doing monthly director's reports and compare numbers to the 2019 months.

The sign that was out front has been moved in anticipation of the garden install. When it's put back up it will be rotated so it can be read from both sides. The idea is to give the sign decoration on both sides as well.

John reads accolades Ben received from a patron who got "extra, extra" help from him in faxing a document.

Library Expansion

Charlie reports that the bricked in door should be done in 3-4 weeks. Landscaping event is Friday and Saturday. Some parking will be roped off Wednesday to stage materials. The plan is the library will be open per usual. John and Charlie made a presentation to the selectman yesterday. They were very supportive and the town offered to help fill planters for the Children's Garden. The Garden Club will be submitting articles outlining the efforts. Lorax has had a 50% down payment to cover the cost of plants.

Ben got the flooring we talked about last meeting. Charlie is going to get rid of the heating registers, the pipes will be cut off then the flooring can be put down. Have to make sure the height of the floor works with the door.

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 by Joan, seconded by Robin, unanimously approved.