

HMML Trustees Minutes Wednesday 2/16/22

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05pm

In Attendance:

Betsy McCombs

Joan Harlow

Michelle Wheeler

John Clark

Robin O'Day

John Cody - Selectman

Secretary's Report:

Joan makes a motion to accept the 1/18 minutes , Betsy seconds, all are in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Betsy and Ben are meeting to go over the auditor's report, Lisa has already seen it and says it looks good. Betsy did include a letter requesting additional funds (2021) but we have a surplus from the town section of the budget, Lisa is going to be giving Betsy a check next week. The town will still retain \$5,835.88 . Betsy has already gotten a first check for 2022 from the town, it's based on the budget if the new budget doesn't pass.

On 10/12 Selectmen meeting they discussed the potential raise and there was a motion to reduce our bottom line by \$635 by Joe Trombley and it did pass. Betsy thinks she doesn't have the authority to reduce sewer and water. This was a question as Betsy plays around with the line items for how the budget would look under different budget circumstances like 2.8% raise vs 1.8% raise vs budget passes this year vs not.

John notes that for this year the PT salaries were at 95% of the budget and that 5% would probably cover it. Non lapsing could also cover it and also the Friends could cover some extra. At the end of the year Betsy says that the Eversource bill for January was for December so it should have been paid out of 2021. Starting 2022 there will be a line item for cleaning separate from maintenance.

Director/Youth Report

January 2020 numbers were really big as it was the grand opening of the library and was pre COVID. This January we were closed 7 days as opposed to three in January 2020. Meeting room use is back up again after a holiday slump. There's an art opening for Eunice Miller this Thursday with a demo and some pieces to sell. There's a harp concert in March with several harpists and an Irish drum which is expected to be popular.

Other business

A motion was made by Joan to accept the NON-public minutes from the 1/18/22 meeting, Betsy seconded the motion, all are in favor.

John Cody reports that he's received a couple of phone calls about the section of the library website with online resources being "divisive and one sided and that any town entity should remain neutral" and Ben said that he would revisit the list which hasn't been updated in. It is brought up that a list of resources could be rotated monthly based on current events or national celebrations.

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 by Joan, seconded by Michelle, unanimously approved.