

## HMML Trustees Minutes 6/21/22

Meeting Called to Order: 7:01pm

**In Attendance:**

Betsy McCombs  
Joan Harlow  
Michelle Wheeler  
John Clark

Ben Brown  
John

**Not In Attendance:**

Robin O'Day

John announces Robin's resignation from the board of trustees for personal reasons, anyone interested should contact the trustees through email or through the library.

**Secretary's Report:**

Joan makes a motion to accept the 4/19 minutes , Betsy seconds, all are in favor. Michelle has the non public minutes from April, 2022 and May, 2022 for approval. Joan makes a motion to accept the non public minutes , Betsy seconds, all are in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Betsy says we are almost halfway through the year, the only thing that's trending high is Comcast, it's at 44% spent by the end of May. Maintenance is a little more than 50%. Joan makes a motion to accept the donations in the amount of \$248, Betsy seconds, all are in favor.

**Director/Youth Report**

May was consistent with April in terms of numbers. Some out of town card members signed up. A lot of meeting room use with Zoom calls, taking classes has made the internet very slow, Ben is interested in looking to kick up the internet speed to accommodate this. We have 300 mgb/sec down and maybe 100 down currently, Ben doesn't know the cost increase, you have to talk to them in person. We have 5 phone lines with Comcast too. Betsy suggested looking into fiber, Ben thinks you usually need a fair amount of equipment installed. John Cody says town hall is on Comcast and there has been conversation of updating cables and the town is waiting for a piece of info before signing their Comcast contract for the town of Epping. Ben says the library has faster internet than the town and then we also would need to decide if we keep our phones through Comcast. Our modem is in the boiler room and that might not be the

best solution because at the edges of the library it gets slower. There is an extender in Ben's office that extends the internet signal out into the parking lot too.

We need to shuffle the handicap access parking space around so that there is one close to the lobby entrance, closer to the path. The consensus is that we should have two, one on either side. John suggests getting a sign for each spot and then see if the highway department can come and paint them.

We're setting up a sitting area between the raised beds and the idea is eliminating two spaces right in front of the sitting area. John Cody thinks Dave would order the handicap signs for us. Ben will touch base with Dave.

John Clark asks about the library visibility in Carriage Town News. Ben says he'll talk to Michelle Hogan about it. Ben thought that we used to submit something every other week.

Ben wants to know if we're getting any wood chips to refresh some spots and also to treat the area close to the fire station and to cover the area where the patio set is as it is sitting on the rectangle of dirt where the raised bed was. John will talk to Pawtuckaway and then talk to the Friends about covering it, otherwise we'll use non lapsing funds.

Almost all of the museum passes are renewing soon which will be a big cost. The Friends are purchasing the Boston Museum of Science and the Peabody Essex Museum passes to see how they are used.

#### **Other business**

John has not talked to Charlie recently about the patio bricks. Landscaping weeding on the ends happened but the middle may need some attention. Patti Laughlin sent an invoice for coaching and plan replacements for \$220. John hasn't seen a list of plants that need to be replaced nor does he know the cost yet.

John Cody says the town is looking at the Fire Building and wonders if they do repairs will we be using any large water tanks in the future? John Clark says no. John Cody says the town will be looking at electricity costs and assumes the library will need to consider that too. Also, the town is thinking of changing the phone system to something more integrated.

Motion to move to executive session pursuant to RSA91-A:3 paragraph II-e is made by John at 7:35, roll call vote shows everyone is in favor.

A motion was made in non public session to come back to a public meeting.

Joan makes a motion to seal the non public minutes, Betsy seconds , all are in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 by Joan, seconded by Betsy, unanimously approved.