

Bedford Free Public Library
Library Trustees Minutes for Tuesday, September 8, 2020
7:00 PM • Online Meeting via Zoom

Chair Elizabeth Hacala called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Present

Trustees: Chair Elizabeth Hacala, Robin Grace Silbert, Abby Hafer, Alma Hart, Rachel Field, Mike Pulizzi, Dennis Ahern.

Administration: Richard Callaghan, Library Director. Noreen O’Gara, Assistant Director
Other attendees: Dot Bergin, Emily Mitchell.

The Chair asked if there were any public comments. None were forthcoming.

Secretary’s Report

The August minutes were reviewed and approved. Robin moved for approval, Seconded by Abby. Roll call vote: Ayes: Elizabeth, Rachel, Mike, Robin, Dennis, Abby, Alma.

Director’s Report

Statistics will be available in October.

Reference/children’s librarian Jess Dymont, who is in the graduate program at URI will be interning at the library this fall. She will be working with Bethany and Pam.

Summer Reading has finished. Zoom storytimes continue every Wednesday at 10:30 along with the Make and Take Craft series on Saturdays.

The adult and teen book discussions continue online.

Other matters discussed:

Budget Report

Town Flu Clinic for staff scheduled for September 23rd.

The report approval was moved by Mike, seconded by Abby. Ayes: Dennis, Abby, Alma, Mike, Robin, Elizabeth. 6-0-0. (Rachel was not available to due to technical issues).

Unfinished Business

- Contact Free Curbside pickup - update - We have added one half hour Monday through Friday. Thursday nights are popular. Saturday morning pickups have started also 10am - 12pm. Curbside times will shift to accommodate the school bus schedules so has not cause conflicts and safety problems.
- Potential Library reopening (State Phase 3, Step 1) - Perhaps open by Columbus Day depending on staffing and the levels of COVID-19.

New Business

- Capital project: Carpet replacement, mainly in the addition. Funds are from a capital article approved in 2019. Good time to get project completed while patrons are not in the building.

Other Business

- Calendar update - Thanksgiving weekend - closed. Board voted to close all weekend as the library is already closed Thursday and Friday. Mike moved, Robin seconded: Ayes: 7-0-0 Elizabeth, Rachel, Mike, Robin, Dennis, Abby, Alma.
- New State Holiday: Juneteenth Independence Day - June 19th. Library may be closed starting 2021.
- Appointments - none
- Next Meeting: October 13th, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm. Alma made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rachel seconded. 7-0 Ayes: Dennis, Rachel, Abby, Alma, Mike, Robin, and Elizabeth.

Meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by Alma Hart, Secretary.