

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of April 27, 2021

The Library Trustee meeting of April 27, 2021 began at 12:03 PM. The meeting was held online via GoToMeeting. Present at the meeting were Trustees Maureen Gullekson, Gary Bridgman, Robin Weber, Jim Dyer, Mel Blake, Beth Cournoyer, Dick Whitney and Library Director Margaret Morrissey. Fire Chief Joseph Hulyk was in attendance and Tammie Darling was also present to record the minutes.

Fire Chief Joseph Hulyk was in attendance to update the Trustees on the proposed new fire station on Worcester Street in Southbridge, including approximate cost and layout of facility.

Mel Blake motioned to approve the February 2021 minutes noting that Mel Blake was present as an attendee at the February meeting since she was inadvertently left off, Robin Weber seconded. So voted.

Financial Report – There was no financial report at this time.

Chairman's Report - There was no chairman's report at this time.

Director's Report – COVID update- The Library is operating with curbside service and is now open to the public however meeting rooms are not yet available. Books are currently quarantined for 12 hours. The Library was closed from 3/11-3/25/21 due to positive COVID case. Margaret discussed various maintenance/repairs by the DPW. The budget was approved in the amount of \$549,733 and the Municipal Appropriation Requirement is \$549,105. As a result, Margaret is seeking \$40,459.95 from the Trustees for books/materials

Safety and Security - The Library received \$35 for restitution for damaged books.

New Business – A discussion took place on the possibility of modernizing the website, which, at the current time, can only be updated in-house, not remotely.

Old Business –James Dyer will reach out to Dick Whitney, Robin Weber and Gary Bridgman in June regarding election of officers. James inquired when the Trustee meetings will be held in person; Margaret does not know at this time.

Jim Dyer made a motion to adjourn, Maureen Gullekson seconded. So voted. The meeting ended at 12:53 PM. The next meeting will be held on May 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM via online format.