

Haston Library Board of Trustees Meeting
January 14, 2021

Attendance:

Stacie Tremblay, deb Grennon, Linda Hartman, Sue Clark, Jeffrey Teitelbaum, Loryn Kempton, Josh Worman, trustee candidate Carole Richard, and Recreation Department representative Paula Tremblay.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm via Zoom.

Amendments:

A request was made to present the template for thank you letters in the correspondence report.

Comments from Citizens Present:

Paula thanked the library board for their example of how to run meetings which has been very helpful to the Recreation Department. She reported the select board asked for suggestions on where the Christmas tree might be relocated. The town green (park above the soldiers monument) was suggested as a site. The select board meeting on February 3, 2021 will entertain comments from citizens on this issue.

The Recreation Department will be sending flyers on February 1, 2021 about a contest to come up with a “mascot” trademark for names of teams at Franklin Central School. Joyce Hakey has given permission to use the hill at the back of the school for the duct tape sledding derby in February.

A survey will be forthcoming on the potential Little League season this spring/summer.

Paula was thanked for spending time to be at the library meeting.

Approval of minutes and reports:

Linda moved to approve the December minutes, Jeffrey seconded. Sue asked what FB meant on page three regarding trustee terms? Deb responded it represents Facebook which deb changed. All voted in favor of minutes with clarification added. Josh gave the librarian’s report which included the presentation of the form letter used for thank yous to donors; Val’s evaluation was sent to the town clerk; and the application for an Internet Connectivity Support grant of \$1500 through the Vermont Community Foundation, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Libraries. He said numbers were up in December for nearly all categories.

Financial Report:

Sue moved to approve the financial report, Linda seconded, unanimously approved.

Bylaws/Policies Review:

Stacie presented the job description for the director and clerk. Sue questioned the director being given the job of hiring the clerk. The bylaws state that the board of trustees is responsible for hiring and firing. Deb offered that it could be changed to "upon the recommendation of the director, the trustees will hire a clerk." Stacie will work on revision and the board will vote at the next meeting.

Correspondence:

Josh read thank you notes from Joyce Hakey (for the Polar Express books), and from Linda Hartman and deb Grennon for floral arrangements for family members passing. An email from our previous librarian, Molly McGinty, was read. It was also reported that Pam Greene purchased a book that Molly wrote, and gifted it to the library.

Old Business:

Polar Express - great success

Board Member Recruitment - deb and Jeff moved to have Carole Richard appointed to complete the unexpired term of Maria Studebaker. All voted in favor. Sue will send the recommendation to the select board for their official appointment. Stacie and Josh will check with the other candidates to see who will be put on the ballot for town meeting. Candidates are Alison Dezotelle, Corinna Stanley, and Katie Tremblay.

New Business:

Approve Budget for 2021-2022 - Stacie reported on her presentation of the draft budget to the select board on December 16, 2020. They did not ask for any changes. Sue made the motion to approve a budget of \$45,502. Linda seconded. Discussion included a raise approved for Valerie Clark. All voted in favor.

Strategic Plan Update - Deb moved to approve the strategic plan as presented. Jeff seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Town Sign/Selectboard - The select board has invited us to attend their meeting of Feb 3, 2021 to discuss the sign and the future placement of the Christmas tree. Deb suggested that we ask for a committee to be formed to study the modification of the sign and its placement. As many trustees as possible will attend.

Other Business:

The next scheduled meeting will be February 11, 2021.
Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Clark, Secretary