

## Haston Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

January 11th, 2024 @6pm  
Town Clerk's Office

**Call to order:** Called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Deb Grennon.

**Attendance:** Deb Grennon, Corinna Stanley, Allison Franklin, Brenna Sturtevant, Jen Raynak, and Library Director Josh Worman.

Absent: Millie Richard and Victoria Jacobs

**Agenda Amendments:** none

**Public Comments:** none

### **Review and Sign Warrants**

**Correspondence:** A Christmas card and donation were received from Jonathan and Karen Gates and sons.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Corinna to accept the minutes with the addition of a heading for Executive Session, Seconded. Carried unanimously to accept as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:** M Jen to accept the report as written. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

### **Library Director's Report:**

Tree Lighting went well, with good attendance and caroling.

The Book Talk with Mercedes de Guardiola had a small but interested audience.

Around 80 books were put into the hands of local children at the Polar Express event.

Numbers were down a little, which is pretty typical of December since the library is open fewer days and everyone is busy.

Josh has prepared the annual report.

Story Time has been going well, despite small attendance in December, and Josh remarked that Sierra is doing a good job.

Additional details are available in the report.

### **Committee Updates:**

**Policy Committee:** Job Descriptions were tidied up, but not significantly changed. The Volunteer Policy was reworked to move specific opportunities to the application section and add a section regarding Criminal Conviction Records. Moved Corinna to accept the Volunteer Policy and Job Descriptions. SC unanimously.

**Strategic Plan Committee:** No update. A meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 22nd, at 6pm. There was general discussion about the overlap with the efforts of the Vermont Rural Community Development team, with consensus that we should draw up our plan without waiting for that process to be complete.

**Franklin Central School Reading Committee:** The cart went around to each of the classrooms on the Friday before winter break. Each book had a bookmark with information about the library and the program. Students also got a small flyer with a QR code linking to the Haston's website. Allison will check in with Nancy about specific needs for restocking the cart.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Budget for 2024-2025:**

Moved Jen to accept the budget proposal as presented to the Select Board at the December meeting.

There was a discussion about the process. We should all attend the Select Board informational meeting at which we may be asked to defend our request. The meeting is on January 24th at 6pm at the Town Hall. Brenna did some analysis of how much benefit she has received from the library (\$1200) compared with how much tax her family pays that goes to the library (\$59), The benefit number doesn't include programs, ILL, wifi usage. Allison suggested that we may want to include that kind of calculation on slips. These numbers could come in handy at the Select Board meeting, or at Town Meeting, where we may also be asked to defend our proposal. It was suggested that we stress to the community that the library is a great resource, and that everyone should be using it.

SC unanimously.

### **New Business:**

**Board Recruitment:** Victoria will be finished at the end of this year. Allison's one-year term is also up, and she intends to continue on the board. Corinna noted that she does not intend to move from the Vice Chair position into the Chair position. Jeff Teitelbaum and Deb Grennon (whose term is also up this year) would both consider being on the board again if there are not enough other people interested. We should

hear from Millie who she had in mind before we make any big decisions. The (currently aspirational) Friends of the Haston would also be another great way to involve more community members, including people who are interested in the board and those who are leaving the board.

**Other Business:** 1000 eclipse glasses are on the way. They will be available for free at the library and at the Planetarium Lady event. Allison suggested we figure out how brand them as being from the Haston, like putting a sticker on them. Jen will send a pic to the board as soon as they arrive. Josh will check with the Rec Committee for cross-promotional opportunities.

**Member Concerns:** none

M Brenna SC unanimously to adjourn.

Adjourned at 6:53pm.

Submitted by Jen Raynak

The next meeting will be February 8th, 2024, at 6pm in the Town Clerk's Office.