

Library Trustee minutes 2/19/25

Present: Emily Gibbs, Bonnie Doble, Marie Froeschl, Janet Watts, Caitlin Corless, Alan Ramsey (remote)

Regrets: Iris Banks, Pam Blake

- Call to order - 7:02 pm
- Agenda changes - Discuss open meeting law summary from Tammy G at town offices next meeting
- Review and Approve minutes - Marie moved to approve, Bonnie seconded. All in favor.
- Announcements - none
- Library Directors report -

Everything ran very smoothly during Caitlin's leave. THANK YOU Victoria Tibbits for her very capable stewardship of the library. Staff all busy and productive and learning new things.

We are collecting books now for the Friends book sale. Thank you to Parks and Rec and Public Works for their continued help with this. They pick up the boxes of books and store them at the tree farm until the booksale. Families can donate 2 boxes per week (we just don't have space for more as they are all piled up in the back hallway)

The library is going to finally get a panic button that will contact the police in event of an emergency.

Circulation is great, library visits at almost record levels. The new overdrive magazines continue to increase in popularity. Hoopla is stable but expensive. This may change in new fiscal year.

Siber Sled dogs are visiting on Saturday. Hugely popular program last year!

- Town meeting prep-

Monday March 3 at Essex Middle School from 5:30 -7:30. There will be a soup supper again. Caitlin will bring table and set up about 5:00. Anyone that can attend please do. Janet is out of

town. Caitlin will have brochures, bookmarks, a computer and probably candy to entice people to the table to see what we offer.

- Patron confidentiality policy accepted. Marie motioned to accept Caitlin's draft and Emily seconded. All were in favor. Changes to the policy include if the patron is under 12 then guardians may request access to accounts and deletion of informing police for retrieval of library property (this is in our patron responsibility policy).
- Update on potential new library in municipal complex - Stantec finished their work and a report goes to the Selectboard this week. Stantec recommended a 28,000 sq ft library with 3 floors. Caitlin thinks this is too big. Current library is 5200 sq ft which is .5 sq ft per capita. Most other local libraries are 1 sq ft per capita. Caitlin and Victoria sent a report to project manager with their recommended adjustments.

- Friends update-

Book sale 1st weekend in June. New volunteer interested in helping. Caitlin going to reserve Memorial Hall in case we decide to use it.

Friends need to meet to discuss booksale and craft fair date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm