

APPROVED

May 24, 2021
East Kingston Public Library
Zoom Meeting of the Board of Trustees

In Attendance: Sandra Courchesne, located at 8 Blueberry Lane in East Kingston, NH; Robert Minicucci, located at 62 Powwow River Road in East Kingston, NH; Deb Hobson, Alternate, located at 3 Woldridge Lane in East Kingston, NH.

Tracy Waldron, Director, located at 69 South Road in Brentwood, NH; Zoe Sucu, Assistant Director, located at 149 Giles Road in East Kingston, NH; Aine Cronin, President of the Friends, located at 94 Giles Road in East Kingston, NH; Sherry Castle, Treasurer of the Friends, located at 70 Sanborn Road in East Kingston, NH.

Robert called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Temporary chair duties were shared by Robert and Sandy. Since several members of the Board were unable to attend the meeting, decisions about new officers were postponed until the June meeting.

Review of April Minutes: Since Deb was unable to attend the April meeting, approval of those minutes will be delayed until the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was unavailable.

Director's Report:

Tracy noted that she will be on vacation from June 6th until June 14th. Zoe will be in the library during the hours that the library is open. Pages will continue their regular hours. Members of the Trustees and the Friends will be available if needed. Current library hours with a limit of 5 patrons at a time will be maintained until the June trustees' meeting.

The raised beds now have plants. The hose has been moved to facilitate watering the beds.

The summer reading program that Zoe developed is ready to go. About 1/3 of the program will be in person this summer.

Outdoor story hours are continuing.

There will be a virtual program on June 22nd at 6 p.m. entitled Pollinators 101. The library has also received a grant from NH Humanities for a program entitled New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them, which will be presented on August 18th.

Tracy indicated that she was comfortable with opening the library. A decision will be held at the June 28th meeting regarding library hours and staffing.

Friends' Report:

Aine reported that the officers met on May 20th to discuss some options for the use of the money that Carl Johnnen left to the Friends in his will. They will consult with Keri Marshall about these options.

The Friends' book and bake sale will be held on June 19th with a rain date of June 26th. There will also be a Garden Cleanup day June 1st at 9:00 a.m. at the library.

It was suggested that the officers of the Friends and the Board of Trustees meet in the future. An October meeting was mentioned as that is the beginning of the budget cycle.

NHLTA Report: Now that Conrad is no longer on the Board, we will rely on the Newsletter of the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association for information about programs and initiatives.

Those who attended sessions of the NHLTA Conference on May 12 and 13 discussed some of the ideas presented. One question arose regarding the mention of the ARPA grants. Tracy will check as to whether any of this funding would be available to our library.

Town Update: At the town election on May 11th, Sandra Courchesne and Robert Minicucci were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Trustees. They have both been sworn in at Town Hall.

The selectmen will be holding their next meeting in person with a Zoom option. Deb will check about whether Zoom meetings can continue when the State of Emergency is lifted in the state.

Old Business: Tracy's evaluation is still in process as is a review of policies.

New Business: No new business this month.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. (Deb/Robert-2nd). Each member of the Trustees approved the motion on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Courchesne, Secretary