

## Meeting of the Trustees of Exeter Public Library

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 – 6:00 PM

1. **Call to order:** 6:03 Barbara opened the meeting with a roll call.

**Present:** Hope Godino, Barbara Young, Laura Wyskiel, Mary LaFreniere, Denise Leonard, Susan Drinker, Jenny Medlock and Paula Sears

**Absent:** Lisa Wilson, Linda Tober

**Guests:** 0

2. **Correspondence:** 0

3. **Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes from November 2021 accepted unanimously.

4. **Reports:**

- a. Director's Report – (Hope) Reminds all to sign up to the newsletter. Back to Saturday hours. Back to having most of the programs and numbers attending rising. Sewing and Lego groups are very big and everything growing in size. Library has received 4 grants. It was a group effort by all staff.
- b. Operating Statement – (Hope) Will be voted on in March.
- c. Building, Grounds, and Technology – (Hope/ Paula) Pyramid lights now on own breaker. We can control color of lights but having trouble controlling on and off. The programmer has moved to Chicago and we are waiting for update. Will not put light on until we can control the shutoff of the light. Denise Leonard likes the new walkway, not slippery at all. Hope said additional lighting will be coming. Spots including handicapped will be painted in spring.
- d. Finance— (Denise) Donations still coming in.
- e. Long Range Plan – (Mary) Long Range Plan committee will discuss plans for library. It will occur in the form community groups and Hope is collecting names of those interested in the committee. The last committee had a core group of 13 members but with many one-time visitors.
- f. Personnel and Policy – (Mary) Revisit term limits. Adjustment recommended an addendum “under board’s discretion”. Barbara recommends adding the addendum as some library tasks require longer time periods and experience like the long-range plan or if a problem comes up that requires more time to resolve. Mary recommends nothing change in By-laws. No motions were made.

Barbara recommends that every chair write up a summary of what they did so that it be added to the notebooks given to all trustees.

- g. Friends – (Susan) Friends are growing in number. Friends thinking of fundraising like book fair (scholastic book fairs are scholastic dollars, not funds).
  - h. Social – Nothing to report
5. **Continuing Business:** A library abutter recommended that the lights should be turned off in the Exeter Public Library lighted sign when the library is closed because it is in the Historical District. Due to RSA 674:54 Doug Eastman says the library is exempt from the Historic District zoning rules. Mary makes a motion that we do not purchase and install a timer for the lighted EPL sign and leave it as is for *safety*. The motion was passed unanimously.
  6. **New Business:** Denise make a motion to accept 22,613.00 ARPA Grant monies for a video game library. Unanimously passed.
  7. **Public Session:** Nothing to report.
  8. **Next Meeting** – February 22, 2022 at the library

**Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM :** Denise Leonard made motion, all accepted.