

# **Groton Free Public Library**

## **Trustee Meeting Minutes**

### **August 19, 2021**

The duly warned meeting of the Library Trustees on August 19, 2021 was held at the Groton Free Public Library and on Zoom.

#### **Attendance for the meeting:**

Trustee Alissa Smith, Librarian Jodi Fleurie-Wohlleb and Friend Dawn Evans.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m.

Agenda was unchanged from posted agenda, and June's meetings went unapproved due to lack of quorum.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Wade and Alissa met with Lisa and she had changed the 400 budget lines so that they now show how much we have budgeted. Lisa also adjusted Jodi's wage as well as reimbursed Jodi for the difference in pay Jodi should have been receiving since Town Meeting.

#### **Friend's Update**

Friends have begun accepting donations of books for their Fall Foliage Book Sale. They have a meeting coming up on September 13. Friends have been covering Saturday's open hours at the library. We talked about keeping Saturday hours only from Memorial Day through Fall Foliage Day.

#### **Book Move**

Jodi reported that the book move is complete! The process revealed to Jodi just how much more the non-fiction collection could be pared down, as some of that collection is outdated and unused.

#### **COVID precautions**

GFPL started asking patrons to wear masks and limit their time in the library a few weeks ago, and we will continue to ask patrons to do so in order to be consistent with state guidelines. Jodi will use grant money to buy four more air purifiers, but because the funds will not arrive until October, Jodi will use money from the 400 account to cover the cost for now.

## **Bylaws and Appendix N**

All trustees have signed the policies and Jodi has copies for trustees at the library.

## **Librarian Report**

Jodi reports that the library has been quiet since we returned to masking. She said that she has noticed a number of people using our Wi-Fi and that folks are starting to use our newly beautified front porch. We had 23 participants for the Summer Reading Program, the joint program with Baldwin Library, "The Tale of an Important Tail" was unfortunately not well attended, but very interesting nonetheless. Sandbox tables have been completed thanks to Harold and Izzy Hatch, and are awaiting sand. Alissa suggested that we could get a few five-gallon buckets filled with sand from the Town Garage. Jodi reported that Rural Edge has recently installed security cameras around the library and the apartments next door. A patron asked Jodi if it was possible for the library to get a wheelchair to help get folks from the parking lot up to the front door; Alissa has one that she will bring to the library to store in the elevator for patrons to use as needed. The library has a Tie Dye event on Saturday August 28, and NECA will be there with supplies for preschoolers and Kindergarteners. We will hold off on the Jungle Painting event will be postponed for a later date.

The meeting was adjourned around 6:45.

The next meeting will be held Thursday September 9 at 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Alissa Smith, Chair