

Essex Free Library
Board of Trustee's Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

February 16, 2022

Attending: Caitlin Corless, Janet Watts, Bonnie Doble, Mike Yandow, Joan Janzen, Lorna Swerhone, Iris Banks, Marie Froeschl

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting were accepted without change. Motion to accept by Janet, seconded by Joan.

Questions at the beginning of the meeting will be addressed later on after the report.

No new announcements.

Director's Report:

- Circulation continues to be good.
- Seems like current hours of library are OK for now. Will review in next month.
- Caitlin's plan is to work up as close as possible to her due date.
- Training 5 different people to cover in her absence, with Victoria Tibbetts probably will take over as temporary director due to her history.
- Possible 2 full time positions will be coming available.
- State of Vermont has a new database working to gain access to audio books and e-books.

501.c3 Update:

- Meeting was held last month.
- Request from Town of Essex to fund the brick repair. Further discussions to be held between the library and town department. May have other COVID funds to use??

New Business:

- Policy Review forthcoming for this month
 - Technology/Internet Use
 - Reconsideration of books that are being questioned by some community members
 - Programming
 - Use of Community Space by the Public once opened back up
 - Exhibits/Displays in the Library
 - Disaster Plan-
 - Un-invited guests and their actions
 - Mechanical/Building/Site Failure
- Discussion about reopening the library back to in person use by the public
- Hours of operation to stay at the limited times
- Town Meeting is on-line again this year on February 28th.

- Discussion about book searches. EFL new website has the ability to do the same and is much faster.
- Discussion about addition to the library. Any chance that grant money can be used for planning? Could Essex Town Zoning Administrator help with zoning questions?

Meeting Adjourned: 7:57pm

Motioned by Marie, seconded by Lorna