

Minutes  
Essex Free Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 17, 2021  
Via Zoom

Attending: Caitlin Corless (Library Director), Bonnie Doble, Marie Froeschl, Janet Watts, Mike Yandow, Lorna Swerhone, Iris Banks, and Joan Janzen

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

Minutes from 1/20/2021 were accepted without correction.

**Agenda Changes**

Lorna discussed the Town Meeting sign on Library lawn and how the message on the bottom was controversial and not suitable for a place on the Library property. There was a vote to contact Evan and ask him to remove it to a more neutral location. Marie made the motion and Joan seconded it, Mike abstained and all other members agreed.

**Reports**

Caitlin reviewed the Library Directors' report.

Hoopla is live. There is \$1000 available for fiscal 2021 and \$2000 for next year.

Flipster begins in March, snowshoes have been popular and next year the library will purchase another pair of kids snowshoes. There was a question about donated pairs.

There was a question about an incident last week where a staff member slipped on the ice on the back walkway. Caitlin explained for safety reasons the front will be the only access until Spring when the walkway can be made safe.

**Old Business**

For now the book sale issue will be tabled.

It was suggested that conversation about reopening the library might be done by Doodle Poll.

**Adjourn.** Lorna proposed the meeting adjourn and Iris seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.