



Meeting called to order by Donna Englander, President.

**Present:** Donna Englander, Leila Glaser, Anne Fisher, Hannah Darling, Jane Zavistoski, Carrie Braney, Amy Kearns, Alice Kao and Becky Plimpton

**Minutes:** Approved

### Director's Report:

- No one but staff is allowed in the building right now except those using the computers, who are allowed in one at a time via appointment. Seems to be working. No idea when that will change. Hoping by end of March to be open for Sunday hours.
- Have been doing a few online programs. Many people "Zoomed out." Trying to step that up. February 10 will have an online book discussion with a paid facilitator. Also coordinating with 4 other libraries to do an online gardening series. Each library will sponsor/pay for one program at a cost of \$150. The Friends will be the go between to handle all the payments. April 15, Ted Reinstein will do a virtual program, "The New Normal New England Road Trip." Pat will hold a program for kids on sled dogs geared to kids 5-12, but good up to age 17. We will need to purchase prizes for it.

### Treasurer/Membership:

- Membership income from Sept.-Dec. is \$200. Summer Reading Program was the biggest expense in 2020. Restricted funds remain the same.
- "Depreciation" has been added as a new item for the Treasurer's laptop.
- Book sales are waiting for good weather to return. Hope to have the next one some time between March and May. The August and September sales were able to be held in a safe manner, so next one will be outdoors also.
- Will need to order more supplies and postage for upcoming Membership drive. Will have the printer fold and collate mailing.
- We should post a Membership Appeal on the community Facebook page.

### Newsletter:

- We will send out with Membership mailing. Everyone needs to get articles in to Bailey by January 25<sup>th</sup>. Hope to have it ready to go by February 1. Will need to have lots of photos to fill since not much happening these days.

### Website:

- Hannah is going to see if she can add a space for "in memory of" and "in honor of" notes to the one-time donation button she added to the website.
- The Google Drive now includes meeting minutes. We should also include the Annual Meeting financial report.
- Hannah is trying to refine the site and requested everyone go over areas they are responsible for and rewrite blurbs and offer design suggestions. Also, looking for good photos to add to the page.

### New Business:

- 125<sup>th</sup> Library Celebration: starting in September, we will try to relate everything back to the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Will be a film series starting January 2022 with Frank Capra movies. He was born the same year the library was built. Mini-golf will also use the theme. Looking into Story Corps to share people's experiences with the library. We will be looking for funding. Should be a lot of kid activities. The dedication celebration will be July 22, 2022 and likely be an all-day event.

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- Jude to Retire: her last day will be March 1. Becky is looking into a personalized cookie basket that could be shared with those who come by to wish her well. Jude's only ask: Thai Place take out on her last day. We should also provide a gift for her many years of service.
- The Library Trustees have openings and are looking for takers. Nomination papers are now available through the town.

**Next Meeting: Feb. 12 @ 1 pm via Zoom**