EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2022

1. Meeting called to order by D Barlow at 6:37 PM

   Trustees Present: D Barlow, J Ranaudo, J Bielot, W Barney, C VanValkenberg, C DeLisle, M Mazur, A Hinchliffe

   Also present: M Gilroy, Library Director

2. Minutes of regular meeting of July 14, 2022 accepted as presented

   Minutes of Executive Session of July 14, 2022 accepted as presented

3. Reports
   A. Library Director
   i. M Gilroy reported that there has been no change in the relaxed Covid mandates.
   ii. The staffing matters impacting the operation of the libraries are expected the be resolved by the end of August. It is planned that the new employees will be on board by the end of the month
   iii. The cement barrier around the will-pup at Rathbun is degrades. The Town will be addressing this issue
   iv. The various summer programs for all age have been well received and have had excellent participation. There have been a total of 34 programs with participation levels in excess of 350.
   v. The Friends groups ate booth EHFLP and Rathbun have had a busy summer, supporting summer reading programs. The Friends of Rathbun will be hosting an program entitled "History of Tavern" in collaboration with the EH Historical Society while the Friends of EHFPL with host a book sale during Columbus Day weekend
   B. Committees
   i. None of the three subcommittees met during the month of August
4. Old Business
   A. There was nothing to report regarding either the 2021-22 or the 2022-23 budgets
   B. The wi-fi connection has yet to be done. There are no new grants to discuss.
   C. J Bielot and W Barney briefly reviewed the progress of the New Library Study Committee. The Committee has narrow down possible sites for a new library building. The Committee will be discussing the project with various groups within the community and intend to conduct a community-wide survey to gather additional data.
   D. In relation to 2021-22 Board Goals, the Board agreed to investigate creating a liaison with the Friends groups.
5. New Business

A. There was a brief discussion as to whether the Board should investigate changing the length of Board terms to four years as has been discussed in a larger context in the community. It was determined that terms of Library Trustees are regulated by State statutes.

6. There was no audience of citizens
7. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by: W Barney, Recording Secretary