EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

MINUTES OF FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 9, 2020

EAST HADDAM LIBRARY (MOODUS)

1. Meeting called to order by Chair, D Barlow, at 6:30 PM
   TRUSTEES PRESENT: D Barlow, J Bielot, W Barney
   ALSO PRESENT: M Gilroy, Library System Director
2. Minutes of September 8, 2020 were accepted as presented
3. OLD BUSINESS
   a. Though impacted to some degree by COVID 19, there was no savings to be found in the renegotiating the Ancestry app the Library System makes available to patrons. The donation instead of a fine system has just begun. But patrons seem well disposed toward it.
   b. While it cannot be determined if they were the result of the Systems' email campaign, the System did receive three donations totaling $1610.00.
   c. The Director is still awaiting materials for developing the 2021-22 budget. The Town is using a new budget system, CLEAR GOV, which will result in in some budget development procedures. Beyond this change, it is assumed that the process of building a budget and presenting it to the Town will proceed as it has in the past. The Director will keep the Committee updated on the process as it proceeds.
4. NEW BUSINESS
   a. The Reading Room Association has donated $2500. 00 to help pay for the cost of the new HVAC system for the EHFL. It is anticipated that the installation of the new system will begin next week. It is probable that the EHFL will be closed during the installation process. The new system is all electric, and the Director has been told that the cost of running the new system will be roughly the same as the cost of oil and electricity for the old system.
   b. There was a brief discussion about setting up a Planned Giving program for the Library System. It was a consensus that such a program was not viable or needed at this time.
5. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – There was no audience of citizens present.
6. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Prepared by: W Barney