EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

MINUTES OF FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

DECEMBER 7, 2020

EAST HADDAM LIBRARY (MOODUS)

1. Meeting called to order by Chair, D Barlow at 6:30 PM
   COMMITTEE TRUSTEES PRESENT: D Barlow, J Bielot, W Barney
   ALSO PRESENT: M Gilroy, Library System Director, J Tryon, Trustee
2. Minutes of November 9, 2020, on a motion of J Bielot/D Barlow were approved with minor typo corrections, 3-0-0
3. Old Business
   a. 2021-2022 Budget – M Gilroy reported that he has just begun to receive materials needed to develop the 2021-22 budget. He has the materials for Capital Project budget. He will be meeting with the 1st Selectman and the Facilities Director to review the Capital Projects and to make changes if needed, i.e., what remains, additions, deletions. M Gilroy will keep the Committee and the Trustees updated as the budget process proceeds. J Bielot asked about the Rathbun heating system. The work is far more complicated than at EHFPL because of the structural layout of the building and the fact that it is in the Historic District. These are matters that will need to be addressed in the budget development process.
   b. The new HVAC system at EHFPL is working very well and the staff and patrons are very pleased.
   c. At present, there are no plans to close either library facility due to changes of Covid spread. However, M Gilroy said that if East Hampton and /or Colchester were to close there libraries, East Haddam would follow suit because we could not handle the increased usage demand.
   d. Because of the manner in which book returns are being processed, M Gilroy could not judge how well the shift from a fine system to a donation system is working other than to say that there has been no real push back regarding the donation system
4. New Business
   a. There was no new business
5. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM

Prepared by: Wm Barney