EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 10, 2021

1. Meeting to called to order by D Barlow at 6:35 PM
   Trustees present: D Barlow, J Bielot, W Barney
   Also Present: M Gilroy, Library Director
   One citizen

2. Minutes of April 5, 2021 were reviewed and with two clerical errors, were accepted as presented

3. Old Business
   a. The budget as presented by the Library System has been accepted by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance as presented. There were no changes. There will be a special Town Meeting on the entire Town budget on May 12th at 7:00 at the NHRHS auditorium. W Barney said that he would attend in person and D Barlow and J Bielot will attend via YOU TUBE. It is anticipated that the Board of Finance will, at its next meeting, approve the acceptance of the Peach Pit and ASLA grants.
   b. M Gilroy reported that the Library System has been approved to receive a $3,000.00 ASLA grant. One provision of the grant in that the Library System hold a community conversation about the Library and it's place and role in the community and well as the impact of COVID on the Library System. M Gilroy is in the process of setting that up. One area being considered is expanding the Library's databases that are used for job assistance and job searches. The Library System has until September, 2022 to spend the grant funds.
   c. The Friends Group of EHFPL is looking to use its funds to expand the Library's collection in the area of women's issues, women writers, and other areas related to women's studies. M Gilroy is working with the Library staff to determine how to best expend the funds in the Special Revenue accounts.
   d. As of the close of the 3rd quarter, the Library is on proper pace in budget management, having expended about 75% of the budget. M Gilroy said that there was more money left the acquisitions accounts than he anticipated and he will be working with the Library staff to expend funds appropriately before the end of the fiscal year.

4. New Business
   a. From the Federal stimulus monies, the Library System is eligible for $16,000.00 grant. M Gilroy will be participating in webinars regarding the procedures for obtaining the money and how it is to be used.

b. The COVID restrictions imposed by the State will expire on May 19th. The Library System is able to hold small group meeting and to host programs for small groups. Outdoor programs for all ages are also approved,

5. There was one citizen attending but they did not participate

6. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM