EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 10, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

   Trustees present: D Barlow, J Bielot, Julia Tryon, C Vanvalkenberg, A Hinchcliffe, W Barney

   Also present: M Gilroy, Library System Director and Mary Mazur,

2. Minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2022 accepted as presented
3. Reports
   A. Library System Director – M Gilroy
      a. Library usage is almost back to pre Covid levels. There has been a decided uptick in evening library usage.
      b. Some thirty families has signed up for the 1000 book challenge. Various library programs are returning to full usage either on line or in person. A new Reading Challenge is being developed as well as a Mini Painting project. The Library System in participating in the Youth and Family Service 'East Haddam Unplugged' program.
      c. The old boiler has been removed and the exterior/interior painting work has begun at EHFPL
      d. The Library System proposed 2022-23 operating budget has moved forward without change. The capital proposals have been modified so that only windows in most need of repair will be replaced and the parking lots will be patched and lines will be painted.
      e. Grant projects are moving forward in a excellent fashion. The CFMC grant will need to be approved at a Town Meeting.
   B. Sub Committees
      a. The Finance Sub Committee report focused on the budget process and mirrored the updated given be the Library Director. The status of grants was reviewed and the Library Director reported that the grants for new data bases had been implemented and the plans for the outdoor reading gardens are moving ahead. He is in contact with the Town Facilities Director regarding this matter and together they will determine what Town Boards will need to be consulted.
      b. The Program Sub Committee is looking at various ways to use the new databases for future programs. They are looking at programs to aid patrons relative to post HS planning. M Gilroy reported that there were demographic data bases available through the US Census Bureau that might be useful in program planning. Library programs will be offered both on line and in person as is warranted
      c. Governance Sub Committee did not meet
4. Old Business
   A. The Budget update is as was presented by the Library System Director and the Finance Sub Committee. Trustees were reminded to be aware of the Town Budget calendar and are urged to attend as many of the hearings as they can.

B. The Library System Director and the Finance Sub Committee reported on the status and progress of the various grants now in process.
C. The Trustees focused their discussion on the Trustee 2022-23 goals dealing with gaining support for a new library structure. After a lively and insightful discussion, the Trustees agreed to host a Town wide meeting regarding with the new library facility on April 3oth at 1:30 PM at the MOC. M Gilroy and members of the Board of Trustees will work to develop the program and invite relevant speakers.

5. New Business
A. There was no New Business
6. Audience of Citizens
A. M Mazur asked that she be sent the Google links so that she could link to items mentioned during the meeting
7. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM