EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 12, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM

   Trustees present: D Barlow, J Bielot, J Tryon, C Vanvalkenberg, A Hinchcliffe, C DeLisle

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

2. Minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2022, accepted as presented
3. Reports
   A. Library System Director – M Gilroy
      a. Reading Garden Update – The town's facilities and Public Work's departments have begun setting up the gazebos. Both should be completed over the next week or so.
      b.
      c. Future of Libraries Conversation – A former President of the ALA (American Library Association), Maureen Sullivan, has agreed to attend and serve as an expert. The date for the discussion, which is open to the public, will be Wednesday June 1st @ 6:30pm at the Rathbun Library.New Library Study Committee – The committee has been created by the Board of Selectmen. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 25th @ 7pm in Meeting Room 3 at the Municipal Office Complex.
      d. A couple of programs to note: 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten has had nearly 60 children register. The furthest along has just hit the five hundred book mark. There is a Mini-Art Show being hosted at both libraries. A Sunflower Wreath Craft Night is scheduled for this month on Wednesday May 18th.
      e. The Rathbun's hot water heater failed and flooded the boiler room. A replacement has been installed. There was no damage caused by this event.
      f. The Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday May 24th at the Municipal Office Complex. Voting is from 6am-8pm.
   B. Sub Committees
      a. The Finance Sub Committee report – Michael needs to submit the final report for the grant that funded the reading gardens at the libraries. That must be submitted by June 1st. Painting is scheduled to be done at the EHFPL this year. Michael does not have a start date at this time. New outdoor Signage has been ordered by the town in the same style as they have installed at other locations. The Library Study Committee has been formed.
      b. The Program Sub Committee – Work has started on a Summer Reading programs. The online Scrapbooking program has been discontinued at this time due to time availability of the program leader. It is hoped to be restarted in the Fall.
      c. Governance Sub Committee did not meet due to lack of Quorum. The Committee Chair indicated that one item to be discussed, but that it could be discussed with the entire board, was to request the Selectmen appoint Mary Mazur be added to the board to fill a

vacancy. Juliana made a Motion to add an Item of New Business. It was seconded by C Vanvalkenberg. Motion passed 6-0-0.

4. Unfinished Business
   A. The Budget process is moving forward. The Budget Referendum is schedule for May 24th.
   B. The American Rescue Plan Act Grant from the CT State Library is what funded the Reading Gardens/Gazebo's at each library. Michael will submit the final required report next week ahead of the June 1st deadline.
   C. An informal roundtable discussion of Libraries and where they are heading with Maureen Sullivan, a Past President of the ALA is scheduled for June 1st at 6:30pm at the Rathbun. Light refreshments will be available. This is intended to largely be a Q&A type format with the public to provide insight on the future of Libraries.
   D. Discussion was held on the Summer Reading Programs and events that would focus on being Family Friendly. Next meeting there is to be a review of board members Roles and Responsibilities.
5. New Business
   A. Generation of a letter to the Board of Selectman nominating Mary Mazur to fill a vacancy on the board until the next municipal election. Discussion occurred. Motion made to direct the corresponding Secretary to generate a letter was made by C Vanvalkenberg and seconded by A Hinchcliffe. The motion passed 6-0-0.
6. Audience of Citizens
   A. There was no discussion.
7. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM