

TML Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 29, 2021

6:30 p.m.

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As a result of the COVID-19 virus, the TML Committee conducted the meeting via Zoom remote access as provided by Maine law. Zoom allowed all TML Committee members and members of the public to hear all discussion as required by law.

Present: : Jason O'Brien, Kathleen Kent, John DiPalazzo, Timothy Blackstone, Megan Cotter, Rachel Davis (Director, Thomas Memorial Library, Committee Secretary)

Absent: Becky Fernald, Sara Hirshon

1. Welcome and Call the Meeting to Order: Jason called to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Acceptance of minutes from the March 25 meeting: Megan made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Tim; unanimously approved.
3. Citizen's Opportunity for Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda: none
4. Library Director's Report: as submitted
5. Policy Discussion: The Committee discussed the new Safe Child and Vulnerable Adults Policy.
 - a. Megan made a motion to recommend this policy, as well as the three policies reviewed and revised at the March meeting, for approval by the Town Council:
 - i. The Safe Child and Vulnerable Adults Policy
 - ii. The General Use Policy
 - iii. The Food & Beverage Policy
 - iv. The Computer and Internet Use Policy
 - b. Motion seconded by Kathleen
 - c. Unanimously approved
6. Other Business
 - a. Withdrawal from the Maine Shared Collections Cooperative: Rachel presented the history of this initiative, which had been presented to libraries as an effort to preserve local history collections. In practice, the initiative has resulted in the library being obligated to retain books that are no longer of interest to the local community or the greater library community within the state. The agreement was entered into in January of 2019, and the library's term according to the MOU was three years. Rachel recommended withdrawal from the agreement when the term is up in January of 2022, or soon if possible, as

the agreement is hampering the library's ability to maintain and vibrant and useful collection of materials.

- i. John made a motion to approve the withdrawal of the library from the MSCC as soon as possible; seconded by Kathleen, unanimously approved.
 - b. Rachel reported that she has requested a proposal from a Maine company called Trasformit to create a canopy to provide some shade to allow for more substantial use of the library's outdoor spaces for programming and general enjoyment.
7. Citizen's Opportunity for Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda: none
8. Adjourn: Megan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tim; unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rachel Davis, 5/3/21