

Hartland Public Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 31, 2020 (Via Google Meet-up)

Laura Bergstresser, Sarah Stewart Taylor, Colleen Lannon, Becca Warren, Dana Jacobson-Goodhue

Meeting called to 5:04 p.m.

Additions to agenda -- Susan Greenberg letter and new meeting date and time

We voted to strike the reference to the walk through from Feb. meeting minutes. We approved Feb. minutes -- Laura motioned, Sarah seconded. Dana abstained, Laura, Sarah, Colleen, Becca voted in affirmative.

We changed the minutes from the emergency meeting on March 13 to reflect that library is closed until March 31st. Laura, Sarah and Dana voted to approve. Colleen and Becca abstained.

Library director's report.

Able Waste Removal will be using the library parking lot for the transfer of trash and recycling, with the understanding that any damage to the parking lot will be repaired.

Nancy reported that lending library services have been determined by the state not to be essential services.

Nancy presented the financial report.

We elected the board officers.

Sarah nominated Laura and board chair and Colleen seconded. Becca moved that we vote. Dana seconded. Laura was unanimously elected.

Laura nominated Becca for Secretary. Dana seconded. Becca was unanimously elected.

Colleen nominated Sarah as vice chair. Becca seconded. Sarah was unanimously elected.

Laura nominated Colleen as treasurer and Sarah seconded. Colleen was unanimously elected.

We have settled on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. as our regular meeting date and time.

We determined that we will reach out to the Friends of the Library to see if they are interested in being part of the strategic planning process.

New Business

Becka moved and Dana seconded that we move the "closed to the public" date for the library to April 30th, so that we will be in compliance with the national Stay-at-home order. Unanimously approved.

We received a letter from community member Susan Greenberg. She is concerned that the library closed to the public and did not allow people to come and get books. The board will respond. We all agreed that we are also sorry that the library had to close. In the absence of clear information about how the virus spreads, how books and other materials could be effectively sanitized, and how best to keep our patrons and community safe, we made the best decision we could with the information we had. We are so deeply sorry that the very things that make the library so valuable are exactly the things that could spread the virus to our community.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Stewart Taylor