

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 13, 2017

6:30 pm at the EHFP Branch

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Joanne Rocznik; Celina Nelan ; Dawn Barlow; Eileen Schwartz; John Bielot, Andrea Pascal

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Vicki Riley and Maureen Gillis

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gilroy, Ellen Hardy, Juliana Tryon Ranaudo

Minutes from May 2017 meeting were approved as written.

REPORTS:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Michael recapped his director's report. Year end reports will be available next month. We discussed the air conditioners at EHFP branch – one is not working. This will have to be added to capital projects list and budgeted in that way. Inquiry was also made about the painting that is supposed to take place. This is to be coordinated with the new shelving that is to be installed. Michael reminded us about the Referendum for the next budget on July 25th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The finance committee did not meet last month.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

The program committee reported that the Hight School Vo Ag group completed the planting at the Comer Memorial site. Volunteers are watering. Nancy MacKinnon wants to donate more plants – 16 perennials to fill in, add color, pollinators and be native. The program for the Comer event needs to be worked on. The committee will be meeting Tuesday the 18th at pm at the Rathbun. All board members are invited to attend and help plan the program.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

We are not sure who the second candidate the Democrats will put up for Library Trustees. We will find out after the Democratic Caucus later this month.

Unfinished Business:

Michael and the Selectman will be attending the next Reading Room Association meeting to discuss the building transfer. John Bielot plans to work with Cindy Variccio at the town offices to help dispel

misconceptions about how much the Reading Room Association Trust can reasonably expect to contribute annually.

New Business:

George Fellner has completed and submitted the study regarding the handicap accessibility of both library branches. The trustees had a lively discussion about the findings. The information is dense so more time as well as feedback from the town will help us decide how to best utilize the information contained in the document.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Our next meeting will be August 10, 2017 at the Rathbun.