

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

AD HOC PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 22, 2018

7:00 pm at the Rathbun

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Jane Chisholm, Bill Barney , John Bielot, Dawn Barlow, Janine Broe, Juliana Tryon Ranaudo

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gilroy, Emmett Lyman

I. Call to order

II. Discussion of Strategic Plan for EH Library System

- Michael presented a deck of slides highlighting the cost of the library system and the impact on the town.

III. Status of EHFPL Facility

- This is moving forward more quickly now, particularly since Mr. Lyman has taken an active role in the project and a new attorney was assigned. There should be a timeline by the next board meeting.
- Transfer of the building to the town will most likely go to referendum.

IV. Status of Staff Vacancies

- The 2 current vacancies, Assistant Director and Reference Librarian, will not be replaced until the budget freeze ends. The Finance department will need to take on more of the accounting management for the library until that time.

V. One Year Plan for 2018

- Mr. Lyman proposed a sub-committee to consider the operation of 2 libraries compared to a new combined facility in a new building. Creation of such a committee will be discussed at the next board meeting. This committee may include board members, members of the community, library staff and other interested parties (TBD).
- The One Year Plan will include the above mentioned sub-committee, community outreach/public relations and developing a framework for a 5 year plan including defining issues such as ADA compliance.
- There was discussion of soliciting corporate sponsors.
- There was discussion of creating an annual fundraiser for the library. This topic will be taken up by the Program Committee.

VI. Adjournment