

EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SEPT. 12, 2019 HELD AT RATHBUN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM by Chairman D Barlow

Trustees present: D Barlow, J Broe, J Chisholm, A Pascal, W Barney. V Riley Pach (entered meeting at 6:44)

Trustees absent: J Bielot, J Tryon Ranaudo

Also present: M Gilroy, Library Director

1. Motion by W Barney/J Broe to approve minutes to Aug 8, 2019. APPROVED 5-0
2. Reports
 - A. Library Director – M Gilroy reviewed his report. He commented on the new hires to the Library System staff. He briefly reviewed the status of the EHFPL building but deferred detailed discussion to the Finance Committee report. He reviewed Fall programming to date and the very solid attendance, He updated the Trustees of the progress of the Friends of EHFPL book sale. He also reviewed a Fact Sheet that he had developed to be placed in the EAST HADDAM NEWS regarding the upcoming the acquisition of the EHFPL building by the Town. There was a discussion about the Fact Sheet and Trustees offered some suggestions regarding how some material was presented, Mr. Gilroy said that he would incorporate the suggestions into the copy.
 - B. Finance Committee – W Barney reviewed the Finance Committee report. D Barlow briefly discussed the reasoning for looking at the Special Revenue Fund. V Riley Pach asked why the Committee was getting info regarding the Top 10 East Haddam taxpayers. D Barlow responded that it was for future reference in the System’s fundraising efforts. There were no other questions.
 - C. Program – J Broe reported that the Committee did not meet. She did comment of the brochure outlining the Library System’s Fall Programs. There was a brief discussion regarding the upcoming East Haddam Art League Show. Mr. Gilroy reported that the League has the details well in hand.
 - D. Governance - J Chisholm reported that the Committee did not meet. She did report that the Committee has been working on reducing that manual to a more usable size. A questions was raised regarding the November elections and whether there were candidates to fill all Library Trustee vacancies. D Barlow said that she believed that all vacancies had candidates, although one candidate, Christine VanValkenburg, would be a Write-In.
3. Old Business
 - A. D Barlow and M Gilroy reviewed the meetings of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance which approved sending the acquisition of the EHFPL to a Town meeting on October 1, 2019. The Trustees had a discussion regarding the events of those meetings. It was noted that the Board of Finance passed a second motion that if the Town agrees to acquire the EHFPL building, the Board of Finance urges the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Facilities

Planning Committee to begin the discussion regarding the development of a new, single East Haddam library building.

4. New Business

A. The Trustees engaged in a discussion regarding the materials to be developed in support of the Town acquiring the EHFPL building. The Trustees again reviewed the materials Mr. Gilroy had already prepared as well as suggesting additional materials. Ideas for these handouts will be distributed to Trustees for review.

5. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM

Submitted by: W Barney