

**Vernon Free Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bronna Zlochiver, Chair
Joanne Leveille, Vice Chair/Clerk
Kristen Dietrich, Recording Secretary
Ian Hefele
Elaine Dietrich

ABSENT:

Jean Carr, Library Director

GUESTS:

None

REGULAR MEETING:

Bronna Zlochiver called the meeting to order at 4:43 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Bronna Zlochiver welcomed everyone to the meeting and spoke about the importance of libraries as community centers and gathering places of shared knowledge and shared interests.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- **A motion was made by Elaine Dietrich to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2020, regular meeting as written.** Seconded by Kristen Dietrich. Carried 5-0.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Tabled in Jean Carr's absence.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Library Articles for the 2020 Town Meeting script. Trustees discussed who would present each article at Town Meeting. They also reviewed the draft PowerPoint presentation prepared by Jean Carr and Ellen Hardy.

- The Articles are as follows:
 - Article #5: Shall the voters appropriate a total Library fund expenditure of \$87,453.00 to be raised by taxes for administration of the Vernon Free Library? (To be presented by Bronna Zlochiver)
 - Article # 6: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of one year through Town Meeting of March of 2021. (Ian Hefele, to be nominated by Kristen Dietrich)
 - Article #7: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of two years through Town Meeting of March of 2022. (Elaine Dietrich nominated by Joanne Leveille)
 - Article #8: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the term of three years through Town Meeting of March of 2023. (Joanne Leveille nominated by Elaine Dietrich)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Windham Regional Commission Broadband Project. The Windham Regional Commission received a \$60,000 grant to do a survey and come up with recommendations on getting high speed broadband to every household and business in Windham County. For the first step, each town will conduct a survey to be completed March 17. Bronna Zlochiver, Munson Hicks, and Cameron Riscutti are organizing the effort to reach as many residents and businesses as possible in Vernon.
- Bills and Warrants. Joanne Leveille, as Clerk for the Trustees, reported on the first month of reviewing and signing off on the Library's bills prior to their being paid by the Town Treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

- Trustees' next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 5 pm.
- Trustees' regular April meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 5 pm.
- Trustee Orientation Session with Lara Keenan, VTLib representative will be Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at 5 pm.
- Next 2020 Coffees with Sara Coffey are scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 10-11 am and Saturday, May 2, 10-11 am.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by

Kristen Dietrich, Recording Secretary