

Barrington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes APPROVED
December 15, 2020

Lindsey Maziarz, as Chair of the Barrington Public Library Trustees, declared that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Trustees as a public body are authorized to meet electronically. Trustees in attendance, Library Director, Recreation Director, Select Board Representative, and 1 guest participated remotely through zoom, and all motions were voted on by a roll call vote.

Present: Trustees: Lindsey Maziarz, Leigh Elliott, Susan Frankel, Karolina Bodner, Lydia Cupp. Robert Drew, Karen Towne. Melissa Huetten (Library Director), George Bailey (Select Board Representative). Jessie Tennis (Recreation Director) , and guest Kristin Paris (potential alternate trustee).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Susan made a motion to approve the public meeting minutes from Nov. 17, 2020, seconded by Karen, and the motion was passed by a roll call vote.

Karen made a motion to accept donations of \$1,193.30, seconded by Lydia, and the motion passed by a roll call vote.

Public Comment: George reported that the Select Board voted to conduct the Jan. 30, 2021 Deliberative Session with a choice of on line, or in person with separate masked and unmasked areas. Details will be worked out on signing in participants, determining voting eligibility, and setting up microphones that comply with COVID-19 safety procedures. Residents will need to be present to participate in order to be able to speak to proposed Warrant Articles. Budget Hearings will occur earlier on Jan. 18, 2021. Due to the pandemic effects, the town did not receive the expected revenue and are concerned about how this will affect budget decisions.

Friends' Report: Lydia stated that a letter was sent out to members to save books in good condition for the proposed spring fundraiser. At the January meeting, the Friends will continue discussion with the Barrington Bloomers members on the possibility of conducting the Books and Blooms Fundraiser online.

Project Update: Lindsey reported on the Select Board meeting and continued discussion of the BPL proposed Warrant Article for March 2021 town election.

Lindsey also reported on the latest New Library Foundation Meeting. Michele Lemos is updating the website. Subcommittees are working on ways to reach out to every Barrington group and constituency as the Foundation charts the way forward toward our new library taking into consideration the economic challenges due to the COVID Pandemic. The Foundation is revisiting the goals that were developed during the 2014 Envision Barrington Project which indicated great interest in creating community, senior and teen spaces.

Director's Report: Melissa presented the updates on General Operational/COVID-19 policies from the NHHS on Dec. 9. 2020. The *Employer Travel, Screening and Exclusion*

Guidance and *COVID FAQ* documents provide information about when sick employees may return to work:

*At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND 24 hrs since recovery

*After 7 days of quarantine & a negative COVID test taken no sooner than day 7.

(Library may have to close temporarily if absences result in a staff shortage.)

Budget Update: Melissa discussed end of the year expenditures for periodicals, etc and proposed technology equipment. Please submit any suggestions or changes for the final Town Report due January 11, 2021.

Recreation Dept: Melissa and Jessie Tennis (Recreation Director) discussed possibilities for joint projects regarding new buildings and uses for an adjoining 6.5 acres piece of land. Suggestions included 2 buildings joined in the center for common public spaces, senior lounge, children's and adult project areas, outdoor covered pavilion, playing fields etc. Preliminary conversations and brainstorming need to be held asap to discuss options and facilitate decisions within 3 to 6 months. Meeting dates will be announced.

Old Business: Lindsey reported on the progress of the Director's Evaluation Subcommittee. Board of Trustees will meet Tues., Jan 5th 6:30 to 7:30 to discuss final evaluation before the Evaluation Subcommittee presents trustee evaluation to Melissa.

Several trustees agreed to attend Select Board meetings.

New Business:

Starting in January, Trustee Board meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Holiday Donations: A decision was made to show appreciation for the dedication of the BPL staff in keeping the library a functioning and vibrant part of the Barrington Community during the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Board members will donate money which will be given with a card of appreciation to the staff for purchase of lunch etc from a local business.

At 8:05, Susan made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Karen and passed by a roll call vote.

Next Meeting 2nd Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30