

Hull Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Monday, November 13, 2023 7pm

Location: Remote via Zoom

Call to order: Chair Celia Nolan, 7pm

Attendance

Trustees Present: Mary Dunphy, Emily Garr, Kathleen McKenna, Curt Miller, Celia Nolan, Duncan Stone

Trustees Not Present: None

Others Present: None

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as amended made by Curt, seconded by Mary. Passed 5/0 by roll call.

Chair's Report

Celia was contacted by Hingham Institute of Savings about the private account for the Friends of the Hull Public Library organization; she tracked down Gwendolyn Floyd who confirmed the account is still active.

Library website has an out-of-date Trustees page. Celia said that staff can update so that current minutes are posted and advised that Trustees look at page and report on anything else that's missing and should be posted.

Hingham Public Library has a free solar eclipse glasses program that Hull might consider taking part in.

Celia said staff will be pleased to have a new director, and she plans to bring a gift from Trustees to staff to thank them for their patience and extra work during the transition. Trustees approved the idea and offered to help pay gift cost; Celia will let Trustees know when she plans to deliver gift in case others would like to join.

On Oct. 31, Bartlett Tree inspected the elm in front of the library. They said the tree is in good shape but recommended a hollow branch be removed. Bartlett also said the holiday lights (which were installed Oct. 28 through a grant given to Hull Municipal Light that was not communicated to staff) should not remain in place too long for the sake of the tree's health.

Director Search Report

Curt said that 12 or 13 candidates applied, and the list was culled to a short list of four candidates who were interviewed in one day. Brian DeFelice, formerly assistant librarian of the Scituate Public Library, was ultimately offered the position and accepted.

Future Trustee Meetings

Next meeting planned for late November so Trustees can meet new director, on either Monday, Nov. 27 or Wed., Nov. 29, time TBD.

Adjournment

7:31pm by the Chair.

Minutes submitted by Kathleen McKenna