

George H. Stowell Library Trustee Meeting
Meeting Notes
Monday, February 22, 2021
Via Google Meets

- 1) Call to Order
6:15 pm
- 2) Citizen Comments
None
- 3) Approval of Monday, January 04, 2021 minutes
Approved.
- 4) Treasurer's Report
No bills outstanding. [Electric bill arrived today].
- 5) Librarian's Report
 - Going well, although cold weather has made distancing difficult to maintain social distancing.
 - Stephanie was complimented on the Library newsletter.
 - Made 13 library craft bags for children
 - New family now using the library
 - Wanted to make activity backpacks and use utility fund. Demand for these has been high at other area libraries. Tasker grant papers received last week. Has been used in the past for furniture and technology. Activity packs may qualify.
 - Kathi suggests doing outreach with school, working with their librarian. School library does not have as many picture books. Our books requested by school are not available in our library, are older and not current.
 - Hoping we can open again, but we want to wait until we can stay open. State restrictions not likely to be relaxed until the summer.
 - Stephanie will need maternity leave, anticipated for June. There will likely be people who can take extra shifts.
 - Propose to suspend fines for overdue books until Covid-19 restrictions are completely removed. Approved. Will be removed from KOHA.
- 6) Old Business
Tony and the selectmen will negotiate the price of land for the septic system (.11 acres)
- 7) New Business
 - Discussion: funding during gap of usual and postponed town meetings. Reserve and funds on hand will be used. If more needed, we will approach the town. Book purchases and other spending will continue as normal.
 - Parking has become an issue. Renters across the street have been complaining about people parking in front of their property. Town laws say parked cars must have all tires on the pavement of town-paved street unless given permission to park on a property. The town has been asked to push the snow back further on the library side so that patrons can park closer to the front of the library. Karim C. has

given permission to park along the trees on his property. There is no off-street parking. Dance studio may bring competition for parking spaces. Nearby places were discussed.

8) Other business

None

9) Next Meeting Date

Monday, May 24, at 6:00 pm

10) Adjournment

7:03 pm