

GREAT BARRINGTON BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

APRIL 14, 2022

- I. Call to Order at 5:33 pm April 14, 2022 by Patrick Hollenbeck, Chairman
 - A. Roll call via Zoom: P. Hollenbeck: Here K. Plungis: Here
L. Clark: Here J. Stanhope: Here M. Heilbrun: Here C. Tucci: Here
A. DeGeorgis, Director Audience: 3
 - B. Approval of the March Minutes: KP: Motion Made to Approve the March Minutes. JS 2nd. No discussion. Roll call via Zoom:
P. Hollenbeck: Yes K. Plungis: Yes L. Clark: Yes J. Stanhope: Yes
M. Heilbrun: Yes C. Tucci: Yes Vote: 6-0 Motion Passes.
 - C. Friends Report: E. Abrahams stated that books, etc will be going outside in another week, weather permitting. The Friends received about \$13,000 in donations last year. That the books, etc. are now given away with donations accepted. The purpose of this is to ensure that donated books will be placed into people's hands and not discarded.
6 bright red Adirondack chairs purchased from Barrington Outfitters on Main Street will be placed on Mason's front lawn, thanks t \$1,000 from the Trustees last year and a matching \$1,000 from the Friends. It is hoped that the chairs will create a welcoming area for passerbys to gather.
 - D. Director's Report: A. DeGeorgis: (see the attached report)
KP: Motion Made to Approve \$2,500 from State Aid for the two libraries' summer reading program. MH: 2nd. Discussion. Ms. DeGeorgis broke down the monies to be spent in various areas such as software to run the program, books to be given out, craft supplies, incentive prizes for the most books read on a weekly basis, for example.
Roll Call via Zoom: P. Hollenbeck: Yes K. Plungis: Yes L. Clark: Yes
J. Stanhope: Yes M. Heilbrun: Yes C. Tucci: Yes Vote: 6-0 Motion Passes.
A. DeGeorgis reported that the Mason library grounds have been cleaned up by the DPW and that Ramsdell's grounds will receive the same treatment.

PH asked that Amanda ask the PDW to clean the mold off the back side of the Ramsdell sign near the street. He also noted that the free standing sign to the left of the sidewalk entrance to Ramsdell is in need of paint and a general spruce up. A discussion ensued as to whose sign it is. It may belong to the Berkshire Natural Resources. Someone will make contact with a person involved with them to report the condition of the sign and that the posted map is outdated.

PH asked about the NY Times being at the Ramsdell on Sundays. A. DeGeorgis stated that it is back on Sundays. That there was a delay with the Sunday Boston Globe but the situation has been taken care of.

E. Next Steps: Changing of the Guard: PH said goodbye to K. Plungis and J. Stanhope who are stepping down by the town elections in May.

JS thanked the Trustees for her time served on the Board and thanked Amanda and her able Staff. KP noted that she will be tuning in at times as a citizen.

F. Ramsdell Accessibility Design Discussion: (see the attached report)

PH noted that none of the Trustees were approached for their comments or assistance regarding the Ramsdell Entry access proposal that was presented by the DPW Supervisor at the Monday, April 11th Selectboard meeting. The Trustees were not notified until that Monday that the Ramsdell would be talked about that evening. The plans were forwarded to the Library Director on the 14th so that the Trustees could peruse them at their meeting that evening. A lengthy discussion ensued. The Trustees stated that railings would be needed though the Monday presenter had said that the gentle slope would not necessitate them. It was mentioned that lightening along the walkway should be included because the Ramsdell could be holding evening events. A seat should be included partway up the ramp for individuals to rest on. That a concrete wall should be embellished to blend in with the historical building. Trustees were concerned as to what ADHD compliances would be triggered by the proposed and much needed, handicap entrance. It was noted that at least a few studies have been completed regarding handicap ramps for Ramsdell. It was noted that \$350,000 had been voted at a prior Gt.

Barrington town meeting and that the DPW Supervisor stated at Monday's meeting that the necessary remaining money will be requested at this year's town meeting.

- II. A. Treasurer's Report: (see the attached report) JS stated that there was nothing significant to report. PH thanked her for taking this position on. He also noted that JS was a representative on a state library committee.

B. Buildings and Grounds: The Library Director reported that the DPW Supervisor has been unable to find a contractor to replace the broken HVAC component on Mason's roof. PH noted that the library will be entering its second summer without an adequate air conditioning, air circulation system in place.

LC gave an update on the progress made by Ms. Michael's group's organizational plan. (See the attached report)

- III. Citizen Speak: Upon request, LC will provide Ms. Mooney with a copy of Ms. Michael's group's organizational plan.

IV.

- V. Board Speak: None

- VI. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn at 6:33 pm. All concurred.

Next meeting May 12, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Robert Plungis Secretary