

Langdon Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes January 16, 2020

Present: Trustees Jack O'Reilly (JO); David Turbide (DT), Catherine Hazelton (CH), Peter Welch (PW); Library Director Lara Croft Berry (LCB); Newington resident Chris Cross

Meeting called to order by JO at 2:10 PM

Minutes: Moved by CH, seconded by PW to accept December 16 and December 31 public minutes; passed 4 – 0.

Treasurer's Report: End of year accounting is not complete yet, partially due to not having received money and data from town hall closing out the items that are paid by the town on our behalf like payroll, insurance, etc. his task will be completed within the next week or so and reviewed by the trustees at the next meeting in February.

Director's Report: The library had a great year in 2019, in terms of check-outs (11% increase over last year), meeting room use (up 14%), 9% increase in Downloadable, more than double the number of Interlibrary loans to our patrons, and general overall activity and satisfaction evidenced by considerable positive feedback from library users and town officials.

- Since the select board did not agree to reinstate our warrant article request for \$80,000 to complete the parking extension, the trustees resolved to go ahead with a petition effort to recreate the original warrant article request by that means. Petition-based warrant articles cannot be changed by the select board and, with enough signatures, will be brought before the town meeting as written. Chris Cross made a strong statement of support for the library's efforts to expand the parking lot and offered some advice for the petition effort and warrant presentation at town meeting.
- LCB will be adding more titles to the NH Downloadables for Newington use. About 20% of our circulation comes from ebooks and digital audio.
- The trustees endorsed the annual staff appreciation dinner at Café Nostimo, a modest expenditure that also provides an opportunity for staff and substitutes to discuss library operations and solidify their team spirit.

Building Maintenance: Per recommendations from the fire department, crashbars will be installed on two emergency exts. Fire extinguishers have been mounted as requested and emergency lights are now all working properly. Cintas will monitor these items as part of their contract. LCB is still evaluating alternatives to Mainely Grass for (organic) lawn care services for 2020.

Policies: No policies to reviews this month.

Donations: The board voted to accept \$33.48 in donations: Moved by CH, seconded by PW; passed 4-0

No Non-Public session this month.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2020 @ 1:30PM

Board meeting adjourned - moved by PW, seconded by CH, passed 4-0 at 4:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted: David A Turbide, board secretary