

May 3, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Halifax Board of Library Trustees was held at the Holmes Public Library, 470 Plymouth Street, Halifax, Massachusetts.

PRESENT FROM THE BOARD: Patrick Michaels, Chair, Diane Ruxton, Vice Chair, Madeline Flood, Kathy Schiavone, Susan Hill; Susan Vogt, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Jean Gallant, Library Director; Lori Costa-Cline

Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of the Board meeting minutes
3. New Business
 - a. Lori Costa-Cline – Library role in Pride week
 - b. Director review

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes.

The meeting minutes of April 12, 2022 were reviewed

MOTION: by Ms. Ruxton to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022

SECOND: by Ms. Shiavone

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

6:00 pm Appointment

Lori Costa-Cline was in attendance and extended an invitation to the library to have an information booth at the upcoming Pride Day. She explained in honor of Pride Month she and two other residents would like to hold Pride Day on the town hall green on June 18th from noon-3pm. The Board of Selectmen approved the use of the space for the event. Ms. Hill who is also on the Fireworks Committee advised the Pride Event was originally to be held on June 25th but because the town fireworks were held that day, the Selectmen asked this event be moved to the week prior.

Ms. Gallant advised she looked over the by-laws and didn't see anything that would prohibit the library from taking part in the event. She considers it outreach, similar to when the Children's Librarian visits preschools and reads stories/promotes getting library cards. Holly, the Children's Librarian would like to take part in the day. She is only paid until 2:00pm that day so Ms. Gallant questioned if she should be paid for the additional hour. Ms. Ruxton believes she should donate the additional hour and not be compensated for it.

Mr. Michaels discussed the possibility of writing a separate policy for events that might appear to be "political" in nature. He questioned if anything was mentioned in the Mass Board of Libraries and Ms. Gallant

said she did not believe so. He added though the event is not being presented to the Board as political, there is no way of knowing beforehand what vendors, attendees or table displays will be in attendance.

Ms. Gallant asked the Board if she should approach the Board of Selectmen for approval for the library taking part in the event. Mr. Michaels asked if any other town departments are taking part and Ms. Costa-Cline said they are not. Ms. Gallant believes by the library taking part in the Pride Day, the attendees might feel more comfortable visiting the library and using its' resources. Ms. Vogt requested to see the display of what would be presented on that day and the Board agreed to meet in one to two weeks to review and discuss. They would also like Ms. Gallant to solicit feedback from the Board of Selectmen regarding a town department taking part in the day as it appears the library is the only one. Ms. Gallant will initially email the Selectmen for their feedback before setting up an appointment to attend a BOS meeting, if necessary. They also stressed that if the library attends this event, they should plan to take part in other organized events for different causes that may take place in the town as well.

Ms. Costa-Cline discussed with the Board a Buzz-a-thon cancer fundraiser taking part on May 22nd. She asked if a flyer could be placed on the bulletin board in the entree way.

Ms. Gallant's annual performance evaluation was completed and signed off on by the Board. A copy will be sent to the Treasurer's office to be kept on file.

As she is not seeking reelection, the Board thanked Ms. Flood for her years of dedication and service serving as a Library Trustee. She advised that a new Friends Liaison will need to be selected going forward.

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan Vogt, pro tem Secretary, Holmes Public Library Board of Trustees