

**HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 14, 2019**

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: K. Twohig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call of Members:

Stacy Christensen, Jan Dolan, Arabella Drouillard, Randy Lashua, Prudence Posner, Thomas Rigney, Karen Twohig, and Director Kristen Salierno, *ex officio*. Donna Haynes and Mark O'Malley were excused.

Votes: All votes were unanimous, unless otherwise noted.

Public Participation:

Mid-Hudson Library System Trustees Rajene Hardeman and Ric Swierat were there. R. Hardeman is on the Facilities and Services Committees and R. Swierat is the Chair of Incentives Committees. They wanted the Board to be aware that they are there to help provide services that allow the library to service their community. K. Twohig stated that Howland has a relatively new director and the Board appreciates all the help and support she's been given.

Guest Speakers: None.

Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The April 16, 2019 minutes were approved on a **motion** by J. Dolan and seconded by S. Christensen. Motion carried.

Canvass of Votes:

R. Lashua made a **motion** to accept the vote for the Howland Public Library Board of Trustees and declare the following two candidates elected for a five-year term through June 30, 2024:
Kathleen Furfey

Diane Landau-Flayter

Seconded by P. Posner and carried.

P. Posner made a **motion** to accept the vote on Proposition results: "Shall the sum of \$1,113,175.00 be appropriated for the annual support of the Howland Public Library for the fiscal year 2019-2020, and shall the Beacon City School District be authorized to levy the taxes necessary to raise such amount?" Yes 172, No 15. Seconded by T. Rigney and carried.

Financial Report: See attached report.

J. Dolan made a **motion** to accept the Financial Reports for April 2019 as presented. Seconded by P. Posner and carried. The **motion** to accept the warrants and claims for vouchers #2556 - 2601 for the month was made by S. Christensen and seconded by T. Rigney. Motion carried. T. Rigney made a **motion** to authorize the budget amendments as proposed by the Director. Seconded by S. Christensen and carried.

President's Report: See attached report.

Director's Report: See attached report.

Unfinished/Committee Reports:

Board Development/Policy Committee: R. Lashua stated there are two new trustees coming in and she has been working with Director Salierno on an orientation for them.

Building Committee:

T. Rigney stated they have not met, but the facility assessment is done and is extensive. The committee will convene to review it. He made a **motion** to move forward with the painting of the community room per the quote from Bracadon Construction. Seconded by P. Posner and carried.

Personnel/Nominating Committee: See report.

Director Salierno will talk to the attorney regarding some revisions to the Personnel Policy.

Planning Committee:

J. Dolan stated they are still working on the community conversations and they are going well. It has created a buzz in the community. People have been registering for them. The committee will not meet until all the information is acquired.

Friends Liaison Report: See report.

A. Drouillard stated that 2 people from Beacon Reads will be attending the Gala.

New Business:

None.

Good and Welfare:

R. Hardeman stated MHLS is working on the upcoming census. Director Salierno stated there will be a mini committee to help people with the census.

This weekend is the Open Studio weekend for anyone who is around.

Agenda for June 11th, 2019 Board Meeting to start at 7:00 PM:

Adjournment:

P. Posner made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Seconded by T. Rigney and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Beyer, Recording Secretary

MOTION to accept the minutes

MOTION to accept trustee election results

MOTION to accept the vote on the Proposition

MOTION to accept the Warrants and Claims

MOTION to accept the Financial Report

MOTION to approve the budget amendments

MOTION to approve the painting of the Community Room

MOTION to adjourn

Attachments