

DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
July 1, 2021
6:30 PM

Due to the increasing concern surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was open to the public through the Zoom Conferencing platform. A recording of the meeting was aired on Comcast Local TV 9 and posted on the Town of Dighton YouTube Channel.

Call to Order Trustee Meeting Started at 6:40.

This was a hybrid meeting with public participation through with Zoom.

Roll Call – In person participants: Ron O’Connor, Chair; Rita Araujo, trustee; EveMarie Cabral, trustee; Jocelyn Tavares, library director.

Members of the public present participating by Zoom: none present

With a virtual meeting, a roll call vote should be taken, so that it is absolutely clear what the outcome of the vote is. The meeting must be completely audible. The meeting is recorded.

Rita noted a grammatical error on the June 3 minutes. Jocelyn will correct. EveMarie Cabral moved to approve the June 3 minutes. Rita Araujo approved. No further discussion.

Ron O’Connor: Aye

Rita Araujo: Aye.

EveMarie: Aye

Motion carried. Minutes of June 3 is approved, with the correction made.

Old Business

- Library Operations: Jocelyn’s report is focused on the building.
 - Jocelyn and board members unable to attend last Board of Selectmen’s meeting.
 - Jocelyn’s last conversation with Town Administrator Mullen was about how the town would be obtaining a modular unit for the library that would be placed at the location of the former Briggs Home, located next to the Town Hall. CARES Act funding is not available for this purpose because building issues pre-date Covid.
 - Mr. Mullen worked with Town Accountant and Treasurer to get a year-end transfer to secure funding for the modular unit.
 - There was discussion about placing youth services in the modular unit. Jocelyn cautioned that approach and wanted to give more thought to the whole situation. She thought after the work was done at 395 Main Street, there was a possibility of operating the library at both locations.
 - The MBLC Building Consultants are willing to help with space and placement in both locations.
 - The two locations bring up a lot of equity of service issues, staffing, hours and logistic issues.
 - The architect has an idea for a new ramp on the front of the building that is complementary to the building. The second egress could go on the back of the building. It is expected the work could be done in-house.
- The MBLC is ok with this the modular unit. They will visit the site for a visit. They do expect this is not a long-term solution and that this is a path to better library services. They offer their support to the library.

- Governor extended remote meetings until the end of April 2022.
- Every library that asked for hotspots with the MBLC will be receiving them. We should be receiving them in the next few weeks. With the emergency Connectivity Fund, that process just opened. Will apply for 5 devices to pair up with the hotspots.

New Business

- No statistical report. Reports are not ready so early in the month (July 1).
- Prepare two payrolls – one for fiscal year end and one for the new fiscal year. Trustees reviewed and signed. Union staff are also eligible for clothing allowance which is due in a few weeks.
- Prepared bills for fiscal year end and the new fiscal year for review and signature.
- ARIS report is a state statistical report that is required for state aid. We report to the state, and the state reports the numbers to the federal government.
- Discussion of weather cancellation for pop-up library, especially regarding heat alerts or air quality alerts. We will publicize and cancel pop-up library in the event of extreme weather events. The issue is that any cancellation is publicized.

Questions/Input Friends

- Friends will be at the Firecracker Festival, with stickers and raffle baskets. Jocelyn will be in attendance for part of the day.

Personnel

Correspondence

Upcoming Programs

- Jocelyn is trying to wrap up the CARES grant programming. Buttonwood Park Zoo program with meeting a zookeeper and an animal.
- Pop-up libraries start next week, including stories in the park and Choose Your Own Adventure book club.
- Squeezebox Stompers Cajun Zydeco concert on July 26 at Somerset Public Library.
- High Flying Dogs are at 2:00 on July 26 behind Dighton Town Hall.
- Southcoast Six libraries also have their own passport program for the summer.

Adjournment Rita moved to adjourn the meeting. Eve seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Rita Araujo: Aye

EveMarie Cabral: Aye

Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:28