

Essex Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 20th, 2021
At the library and via Zoom

Attending: Caitlin Corless Janet Watts, Bonnie Doble, Lorna Swerhone (remote), Joan Janzen, Marie Froeschl, Iris Banks (Secretary)
Not present: Mike Yandow

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes: Marie called to approve September minutes, Joan seconded. Passed.

Announcements:

A library staff member is providing library cards and checking out books monthly to residents of Town Meadow senior housing.

Birds of Vermont is putting a display in the display case.

Combined circulation of physical and ebooks is at a higher rate than last year.

Board members agreed about the importance of continuing story time indoors since it is too cold to meet outdoors. Discussion followed about potential locations.

New Business:

Bonnie suggested that the library purchase 3" stickers and shopping bags with the new logo to promote the library.

Old Business:

Staff continues to work on updating patron cards and is reviewing proofs of the new cards.

The ARPA grants have not yet been awarded to libraries, but the state hopes to send along checks shortly.

Budget: The library budget for FYE 2023 has been approved.

Board members will rotate minute taking for future meetings according to the following schedule:

October – Iris
November – Joan
December – No meeting
January – Marie
February – Mike
April – Janet

May – Bonnie
June – Lorna

Move to adjourn – Marie called and Lorna seconded. All in favor. 8:37 pm.