

Taft Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes

May 12, 2021

Members present: Leigh Martin, Shana Miller, Kelley Aubut, Ellen Agro, Amy Fahey, Wayne Phipps

Staff present: Andrew Jenrich, Tara Windsor

Friends of Taft Library member: Catroina Scott

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

1. Voted to accept the Memorandum of Understanding put forth by the Friends of the Taft Library. Unanimous.

2. The minutes for 4/14/21 were approved unanimously

3. Andrew presented his Director's report and Budget report.

Tara is taking classes and when complete she will qualify to be a director of a library.

The Japanese Knotweed eradication test area seems to be effective.

Programming continues to see good attendance. Cartooning was very well-received.

The library will open for no appointment browsing beginning May 17th. Some time limits and mask requirements will still be maintained.

Andrew has begun collecting items for the Library of Things

Ellen suggested that deliveries to homebound patrons could be instituted and we could use the Town electric vehicle to make the deliveries. The vehicle is largely unused.

4. Strategic Planning: Ellen and Andrew proposed that the Strategic Plan be revisited in the fall when schedules and conflicts will be lighter. Andrew heard back from half of the participants who were fine with the fall start.

5. Andrew discussed the possibility of making the fine amnesty a permanent practice. The idea has been gaining steam with other libraries. The Board unanimously voted to approve a "fine free" circulation policy if Andrew decides he wants to pursue that.

6. Vacancies: Alison Chu is running unopposed to take Kelley's seat. Amy's open seat will need to be appointed by the Select Board but we will give recommendations. The vacancy must be posted for 45 days. Leigh's replacement will come from one of the Mendon members of the School Committee. Ellen will email Joe Maruszczak for his appointee.

7. The Board conducted its reorganization. Ellen Agro – Chair, Wayne Phipps – Vice-chair,  
Shana Miller – Secretary.

8. Next meeting Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

. Next meeting date April 14, 2021 at 6:00pm. On a motion by Ellen, seconded by Wayne the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.