

Minutes of the Library Trustees Meeting via Zoom
February 10, 2021

Present: Pat Levine, Martin Mitsoff, Joan Powers and Deena Caswell

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 by Pat.

The minutes of the meeting on January 13, 2021 were approved on a motion by Martin, seconded by Joan.

The meeting began with Deena's Director's Report. It was pointed out that the circulation statistics are sad, but understandable in the present circumstances. The "take and make" project for families during January was very successful. There was extended discussion about creating an "outdoor room" behind the library to complement the coming play area, to more fully utilize the property, and especially to welcome children and families. Deena and Caitlin will seek grant funding to add a permanent Story Walk and at Pat's suggestion, will request input from Laura Grunfeld on making it handicapped accessible.

Deena and Caitlin are working on the library's social media presence and public relations aspect – getting word out to the community of all the great things still going on through the library. Deena is beginning to get to know other town non-profits and area libraries with the intention of partnering on programming, etc. Deena was also looking for approval, which she got, to begin working on consistent re-branding for the library.

Donning his Selectman's hat for a moment, Martin requested ideas from the Trustees and Deena on uses for the money generated by the Community Impact fees on marijuana businesses that needs to be used to address related issues. One idea discussed was that the library would take a leadership role in developing, planning and executing programming for children with school personnel and other town departments (fire, police, etc.). The idea met with a great deal of interest.

The next meeting was set for March 10 at 9 am via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am on a motion by Martin, seconded by Joan.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Powers