

Bellingham Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 14, 2021

Submitted by: Laura Howard

Present: Library Board: Carol Bird, Chair, Amy Bartelloni, Vice Chair,
Laura Howard, Secretary, Sue Garten
Library Staff: Bernadette Rivard, Director

Location: Remote Zoom meeting

Next meeting: February 11,, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by chair, Carol Bird.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 10, 2020, was made by Carol Bird, the motion was seconded by Sue Garten. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the special meeting on December 17, 2020, was made by Carol Bird, the motion was seconded by Sue Garten. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The financial report submitted by Bernadette Rivard and shown in the meeting materials was read and reviewed by the Board.

It was noted that the supply of Covid funding has ended.

Bernadette Rivard read through the Director's Report submitted on January 11, 2021.

Note from Director's report:

"Due to increasing cases, the reopening committee met in early December and voted to enact the following policy:

If the town is designated by the state as being in the red for two consecutive weeks, and the "change in percent positivity" is trending higher, the library will revert to curbside service only for checkout of library materials.

The library will reopen for in-person browsing when the state has designated that the town has reverted to yellow (or better) for 2 consecutive weeks, and the "change in percent positivity" is trending lower.

The change in the library schedule will begin on the Monday following the Thursday/Friday distribution of the state report."

We are in a good position for state aid per the MBLC Commissioners' policy change for the cut benchmark from 5 to 10% for this year. It is noted that the MAR is still in effect, we are in year one of the five allowed.

A motion to appoint Sue Garten to the Town Charter Review Committee, was made by Laura Howard, the motion was seconded by Carol Bird. All were in favor and the motion passed.

A motion to send the 2020 Annual Report to the Board of Selectmen was made by Carol Bird, the motion was seconded by Amy Bartelloni. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Carol Bird, Chair at 7:30 pm