

Minutes for the November 20th 2019 meeting of the Trustees of the Pelham Free Public Library

Time of Meeting: 7:30 pm

In attendance: Jodi Levine; Rosemary Agoglia; Gayle Barton; Gillian Duda; Jaques Graton; Michael Hussin; Greg Wardlaw

Absent: None

-Meeting officially called to order at 7:35pm.

-Minutes of the October 23rd 2019 Trustee Meeting were reviewed and approved.

-Library Warrant was distributed, reviewed and approved

-Updated budgetary figures were distributed and reviewed. A new category has been added to the spreadsheet that separates library materials which are available for circulation from supplies.

-A question was raised regarding the issue of diversity content in the Pelham Library Collection. It was noted that this will be addressed in the upcoming 5 year plan. There has been consistent positive feedback from patrons regarding our collection. It was also stressed that the industry in general is making positive moves as it relates to diversity content.

-The Director's Report (a file attachment of which is available for viewing on the Pelham Town website www.townofpelham.org) was shared and reviewed.

-There was a discussion about the possibility of having a representative from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners meet with the board on the new 5 Year Plan.

-It was noted that some goals from the previous 5 Year Plan have not been met, such as the need for a part-time History Room Coordinator.

-It was noted that it would be a good idea for representatives from the Board to meet with the Historical Society in the near future.

-It was noted that the Library Schedule is now available for view on a newly set up digital display calendar in the Library.

-The Board is working on an outline for the future goals of the Pelham Library with an emphasis on how the Library can maintain the best possible relationships with our important constituents the Town, School and Historical Society.

-At the December Meeting the budget will be discussed in advance of January's meeting with Town.

-There was discussion of reviving the "Book and Hour with a Librarian" program for our patrons.

-The Director noted that she wants to expand the Library's Maker Space offerings and to have a goal of expanding our "Library of Things", referring to non traditional items for loan.

-There was also discussion about the importance of maintaining an environment of inclusion, recognition and enthusiasm among the Library Staff and Volunteers.

-There was a discussion of community member use of the Library Display case and the possibility of developing an application similar to the one currently in use for the Ramsdel Room.

-The next meeting of the Pelham Library Trustees will be on Wednesday December 18th in the History Room of the Library.

-Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

-Respectfully submitted: Greg Wardlaw, Secretary for the Pelham Library Board of Trustees