

Minutes of Holliston Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting- 6/15/16

Present: Cathy Soucy, Jim Pond, Bob Ostrow, Nancy Baron, Bill Heuer and Pat Fuller. Also present Leslie McDonnell, Library Director and Bob Malone, COA.

Jim moved to accept the minutes from the meeting of May 18, 2016; Nancy seconded, all in favor.

Director's Report

Programs, including four book clubs, crafts, coloring and foreign film night continue to be popular.

Circulation statistics reflect another year of increased use of library materials, numbers up by as much as 13% in April alone.

Building difficulties this week were a broken burglar alarm and air conditioner, as well as a concrete corner having fallen from the entrance enabling bees and birds to nest within.

Long-Range Plan

Leslie shared results of the library survey undertaken to inform the long range planning committee of Holliston citizens' wishes for the future. Over 600 people took part, with a majority choosing to have the current building renovated and there was expressed a strong interest in STEAM programs for children, concerts, 3D printing, trivia nights, learning groups, and great books discussions. Among non-traditional items patrons expressed interest in were musical instruments, puzzles, binoculars and board and outdoor games. Survey responders also appreciate HPL's customer service, access to the Minuteman system and small rooms for quiet study; and they wish, in large numbers, for improved parking and Sunday hours.

Library Budget

It was agreed by all that the need to replace the roof, a/c and boiler will be presented in the fall's town meeting.

Leslie will not hire a replacement for the retiring Peg Brown but will instead increase hours and extend duties of current employees.

Friends Update

The Friends have donated another scanner to enable patrons to use bar codes on cell phones to check out materials

Next meeting: September 14, 2016

Bob motioned to adjourn, Nancy seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Fuller

