

Leach Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 9, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. Present were: Judith Jackson, Molly Veysey, Gretchen Bittner, Phillis Mosher, Laurie Green Holland, and Colette Houle

Additions to Agenda:

Laurie stated that she would like to step down from her position as head librarian, although she will be happy to volunteer her services to the library as needed. She suggested that Colette Houle would be a reasonable replacement as she is the acting librarian. This led to the following discussions:

Might there be a way for the library to have an independent financial account for incidental purchases?

Colette would have more responsibility if she assumes the new position, and therefore her salary should be revised. Also, is there a payroll protection plan available to the town in case of another library shut-down?

Laurie and Colette will collaborate on a job description to be presented to the select board and trustees.

Perhaps the Select Board could be invited to a trustees meeting to learn about the various functions this library performs.

Should the trustees meet to vote on hiring a head librarian?

The library was approved to be level funded at the recent Town Meeting

The library will reopen on Monday, March 15, 2021, following the COVID-19 guidelines of social distancing, hand sanitizing, contact tracing, etc. In addition, air filters will be functioning. Gretchen will make new signs for people entering the library.

Jeanne Desrocher is donating some DEI books to the library from her work with native Americans.

Kate Ives and Grace Mc Connell are being invited to join the board of trustees.

The role of libraries in building town resilience was discussed, including the purchase of books with themes of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), for both adults and children. We will see what other area libraries are doing in this regard, as well.

Judith has asked that someone else take the position of Board Chair, though she will remain a trustee. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15