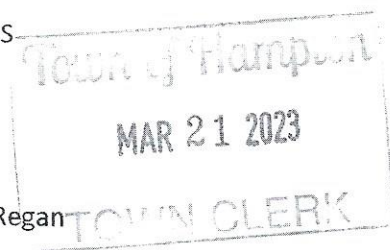


FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: October 13, 2023



Members Present: Andstrom, Burten, Cardwell, Haldas, Larsen, O'Brien, Regan

Absent: Astin, Davis, Kaye, McCabe

Call to Order: 4:09 pm

Audience For Citizens: None

Seating of Alternate: \_\_\_ Yes, Sonja Larsen (since at the beginning of the meeting we did not have a quorum.) Motion: Haldas /2<sup>nd</sup> O'Brien Carries 6-0

Approval of Minutes 9/8/2022: Motion O'Brien /2<sup>nd</sup> Larsen Carries 6-0

Bookkeeper's Report: Payment for accountant was discussed and resolved. Some payments in report are not monthly. But will work out correctly. Haldas will follow up to clarify. Discussion on Eversource payments. Haldas will check receipts to billing of "heat"- oil. Deb reviewed that our heat is on an automatic timer to save etc.

Librarian's Report: Deb Andstrom presented. Bigger numbers due to Fall Festival. HES visited (1<sup>st</sup> time since 2019 pre-Pandemic. Need volunteers to help with garden. Discussion on getting a Staples Account or ability to order. Follow up next meeting. Discussion on Amazon account- they are ending business accounts- so a credit card may need to be accessible to those ordering.

Assistant Librarian's Report: None.

Ongoing Business/Programs:

- All Art programs are on target.
- Pollinator Pathway- Cardwell has inquired. No response yet.
- Discussion on a possible plant sale in conjunction with the program. Possibly with Goodwin as well.
- Beth Regan was out sick and unable to do last Volunteer article. Will start that one. Regan may need to step down due to by-laws but will continue to do the articles.

Maintenance: Porch column was repaired. Needs priming and painting. Cardwell may do it herself. But discussion on finding a general contractor who could work for FML. Any suggestions- please bring them.

Key Bank Grant: Due by 12/15. Cardwell and O'Brien will review this for next steps and have grant folks edit for proper "grant language", especially tying into educational opportunities for Hampton.

New Business: O'Brien and Haldas will investigate a new hot water heater (on demand under the sink). They went downstairs to check the current heater and also noticed the humidifier wasn't working. (They got it running.)

Motion to allow O'Brien and Haldas to investigate and move forward with a possible purchase of a new hot water heater. Motion O'Brien /2<sup>nd</sup> Haldas carries 5-0.

Expiring Terms: Beth Regan is up right now. Discussion on reviewing the by-laws for procedures to amend to allow for additional term past the current 2 term max. There was concern on this. Tabled. Names mentioned to fill the spots were Kevin Synott, Sue H., Michael Ford, Tom Curry.

Adjourn: Motion: Haldas /2<sup>nd</sup> Regan at 5:40 pm Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Davis, secretary