

**Hudson Public Library  
Board of Library Trustees Minutes  
January 19, 2022 at 2:00 PM**

Present: Tom Desmond, Christopher Capobianco, Mary McCormack, Aileen Sanchez-Himes, and Lisa Aucoin

Meeting called to order at 2:04 PM.

**MINUTES:** December 15, 2021 minutes reviewed and approved. *Motion to accept by Mr. Capobianco, seconded by Ms. McCormack.*

**REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS**

Communications & Publicity - The One Book, One Hudson brochure & book list as well as the Book Page magazine were handed out.

Expenditures - Spending is generally on target.

Statistics - Circulation is going up, month to month and year to year.

Friends of the Hudson Public Library - The book sale and other money-making opportunities are being considered.

Director's Report - Budget: The Library's budget is on target. The library is trying to resume a library assessment. The proposed assessment will cost \$4800, paid for out of State Aid. *Motion to accept by Mr. Desmond; seconded by Ms. McCormack. Unanimously approved.* Personnel: The Collection Management and Resources Librarian position is officially posted and will remain open until filled. Programs, Services and Outreach: The self-checkout station is now being used by patrons. Despite Covid-19, all library services continue, although fewer participants are allowed in programs. Fine amnesty will continue for the time being. One Book, One Hudson launched on Monday, January 10, with programs, movies and activities. The Library met to discuss the UMASS Lowell PADA project which will begin in March. The Library is considering hosting additional morning book clubs. Library Operations: Usual library operations continue. With funds from the UPS Grant, the Library will research, purchase, and incorporate new technology for public access. The Library will also submit an ARPA proposal focusing on library services and technology to the Town. Building Maintenance: Light fixtures in the attic were replaced. Heat sensors in the attic are scheduled to be replaced. Water was discovered in the basement but the issue has been resolved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Friends of the Hudson Public Library were awarded a \$10,000 UPS Grant. The other topics were covered during the Director's Report discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Select Board Meeting - The FY23 Library Budget will be presented at the 1/24/22 Budget Meeting.

Hudson Cultural Council Grant Awards - The Library has received 2 awards, \$800 towards an adult Step program and \$600 towards a children's STEM program.

Gender Neutral Restrooms - The signs on the restrooms have been changed to be gender neutral.

Covid-19 Protocol Discussion - The only thing that has really changed at the Library is the limitation of the number of registrants at programs. Additionally, surfaces are being wiped down after use. The Library also has an electrostatic sprayer to use.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is on February 16, 2022 at 2 PM (Ms. McCormack via Zoom).

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM. *Motion to adjourn by Mr. Desmond; seconded by Ms. McCormack*

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Aucoin