

Cobleigh Public Library Trustees' Meeting

Date: Nov. 21, 2019 **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Cindy Karasinski, Lorrie Mawhinney, Hilary Adams, Jessica Simpson, Jan Wade, Jeanne Laughton

Minutes: There were no changes to the minutes from October. Jan moved to accept the minutes and Hilary seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion will take place as New Business regarding the proposed budget.

Librarian's Report:

Trustees discussed the Appropriations from the towns—mostly the need for residents of each town to support yearly appropriations for the library at their Town Meetings. Some towns need petitions to have the appropriations put on the ballot. There were some ideas to attend select board meetings and Town Meetings, as well as to collect signatures for Wheelock, Sheffield and East Haven. Jan and Jeanne volunteered for signature gathering, which will be needed soon.

There was some difficulty making payroll this month because of a gap in the Cash on Hand. Lyndon may have to vote to approve their Appropriations early so library can cover payroll. Without added appropriations or donations, cutting expenses is the only other option. Grant funding has decreased.

Abby would like to create a film of library patrons sharing what they love about the library. This would be something we could share with Select Board when discussing budget. Lorrie suggested it might make a good film project for L.I. students during January Term.

The plaque for Rosie Graves is installed. ADT did a nice job and we should remember to use their services again.

Old Business: Due to time constraints, Jan moved that we table Policies discussion until the next meeting. Jeanne seconded and the motion passed.

New Business:

Budget: Jan discussion the proposed 2020 budget. Cindy will present the budget to the Town Manager on Monday. Jan moved to accept the budget as written, Jeanne seconded. Motion passed. Hilary moved to accept Bookmobile budget and Jess seconded. Motion passed.

We will be writing letters to the Select Board of each town asking for an increase in Appropriations. It was agreed that we will ask for \$700 from Sheffield, \$650 from Wheelock and \$1200 from Newark. All other requests will stay the same as last year: Burke--\$1200, East Haven--\$750 and Sutton--\$1200. Hilary made a motion to approve these requests, Jan seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion of the artwork from Edie Bell Brown's estate is tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting ajourned at 8:00 pm. Hilary moved to ajourn. Jan seconded.
Next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 19th at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Simpson

