

Scotland Library Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brenda Gagnon at 7:05pm.

In attendance: Brenda Gagnon, Bobbie Maschka, Leahbeth Scandura, Charlotte McLevy, Jenna Aldrich, Mary Geragotelis, Angela Maschka, Joanne Todd, Beth Delaney and Linda Segar.

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: Scotland Town Clerk Sharon George answered questions about library board terms, vacancies and election endorsements, and swore in board members who were elected in the November municipal elections. The board thanked Sharon for taking the time to answer questions and facilitating the swearing in of members.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the October meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial report for October 2023 was given by Leahbeth Scandura. Bobbie Maschka made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Brenda Gagnon seconded. Motion carried.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mary Geragotelis gave the director's report with circulation statistics for October and a calendar of upcoming events. The new library cards were received and are being offered to new and existing patrons. The CT State Library Grant/Statistics report was submitted, and funds should be received in early 2024. Additionally, the library was awarded funds from the Fiber to Library Internal Connections grant to implement updates to the computer fiber connections. Motion to accept was made by Angela Maschka and seconded by Joanne Todd. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trust: Updates were given in the treasures report.

Mural: No updates

Poet Laureate: The library board unanimously selected Susan Powers as the Scotland Poet Laureate.

Book Sale: Mary will need help setting up for the book sale on Friday 11/17. The sale will take place on Saturday 11/18 from 9-1, with early bird available at 8am for a \$5 fee. The sale is being cross-promoted with the Holiday Market taking place at the same time at firehouse.

EV Charging Station: The charger has been installed but is not yet available for use by the public.

Conference Room Policy: No update

Exterior Lighting: Two poles are out. One is damaged and will need to be replaced, and the second may be an easier fix. Mary is waiting for updates from the town maintainer.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board has two vacancies to fill after the November elections. The board recommends Jenna Aldrich to fill the full-term seat, and recommends Linda Segar to fill the 2-year term.

Nominations for officers will take place at the December meeting.

The meeting schedule for 2024 needs to be sent to the town.

Joanne Todd made a motion to adjourn. Jenna Aldrich seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Brenda Gagnon at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted, Angela Maschka