

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF
THE KIRKLAND TOWN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 27, 2021

The meeting of the Kirkland Town Library Board of Trustees was called to order (and recording started) at 6:31 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

PRESENT: Elizabeth Bentley, Marie Boucek, Natalie Brown, Anne Debraggio (director), Edwin Grant, Barb Grimes, Stacey Himmelberger, Judy Kowalczyk, Matt Lacy, Darby O'Brien, and Ashley Simons.
Excused: Bill Bower, Joe DeTraglia, Sara Groh, and Sara Ziesenitz.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Natalie made a motion, and Darby seconded, to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2021, meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The reports for April and May be presented at the June meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Stands as submitted, with the following items of note:

- Summer programming is lined up. Anne met with Sharon Williams from Kirkland Trails on partnership opportunities; also working with Waterville Library on story walks. Anne is reaching out to other local nonprofits to host a joint session in June where participants will brainstorm about possible future collaborations.
- COVID-19 update: After discussion with an attorney, the library will continue to follow mask mandates and follow its current safety plan, which will be updated as appropriate. The length of time patrons can spend in the library has been expanded, and indoor seating is now more accessible (though most programming will happen outside). Anne noted that staff members have been supportive and cooperative.
- Barb joined the Friends at the book donation on the village green last Saturday and attended the group's ribbon-cutting for the bike stand. The library now has a tandem bike for patrons to borrow.
- Some trees have been taken down — more sunshine on the front lawn!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Barb reported that a lot is happening at the library. Special kudos to Ruth Gilbert for terrific story hours and to the Friends for ongoing activities.

FRIENDS REPORT:

Stands as submitted. The Friends will be meeting to determine how to resume book collection for the sale in October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advancement: Stands as submitted. Six area businesses have committed to sponsoring the summer tent with possibly more interested.

Facilities: Stands as submitted.

Human Resources: Stands as submitted. Will be meeting to finalize employee handbook.

Policy: Stands as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

At 6:51 p.m. the board went into Executive Session; recording was stopped.

At 6:57 p.m. the board exited Executive Session.

At 6:58 p.m., Darby made a motion to adjourn and Judy seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Himmelberger, secretary

2021 MEETING DATES: June 24, Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. TBD