Present: Daniel Hall, Eileen MacDougall, Jeffrey Nussbaum, Donald Pearson, Library Director
Tina Stewart, Administrative Assistant Gloria Corcoran
Absent: Megan Coslick, Jim Lemay

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Approval of Minutes
Jeff Nussbaum made a motion to accept the minutes of March 15, 2022 with a second by Eileen MacDougall. Motion passes unanimously.

Financial and Statistical Report
Jeff Nussbaum made a motion to accept the March Financial and Statistical Report, seconded by Don Pearson. Motion passes unanimously.

Library Director’s Report
Mrs. Stewart reviewed her written report. Town Manager Jeff Hull appointed Youth Services Librarian Danielle Masterson as the new Assistant Library Director effective June 21. Mrs. Stewart noted that four of the nine applicants were interviewed. There was discussion on the challenge of recruiting qualified applicants for municipal positions, especially at the professional level.

Krista McLeod, Director of the Nevins Library in Methuen and chair of the MLA Intellectual Freedom Committee, will be the guest speaker at the library staff meeting on June 3. The topic of her talk will be intellectual freedom principles and the recent book challenges across the country that libraries are facing. Trustees are invited to attend this meeting.

The Friends’ second annual Jewelry Sale was held on April 8 and April 9 and raised $5,818. Mrs. Stewart noted the hard work of the Friends Jewelry Sale Committee. The next Jewelry Sale is scheduled for April 2023.

The library has contracted with children’s book illustrator Bob Shea to paint a mural above the nonfiction stacks in the Children’s Room. The cost is $5,000. Mrs. Stewart proposed using a combination of gift funds and Friends funds. She will request Friends funding at the Friends Executive Board meeting in May.

The signs for the Storywalk are on order. A local fence contractor has been hired to install them, delivery is expected in early May an installation to begin soon thereafter. The “official” opening of the Storywalk is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 10 am.
New Business

Mrs. Stewart highlighted proposed changes in the Community Bulletin Board Policy and the Kids Display Case Policy.

A motion was made by Jeff Nussbaum to approve the revised Community Bulletin Board Policy, seconded by Eileen MacDougall, voted unanimously.

A motion was made by Eileen MacDougall to approve the revised Kids Display Case Policy, seconded by Jeff Nussbaum, voted unanimously.

Trustees Comments

Jeff Nussbaum recommended that the library consider purchasing the digital Washington Post. Mrs. Stewart will look into it.

Don Pearson noted that he has watched webinars about book challenges and first amendment audits from ALA’s United for Libraries.

Jeff Nussbaum made a motion at 7:56 pm to adjourn, seconded by Don Pearson. Motion passes.

Submitted by,

Gloria Corcoran

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Administrative Assistant

Documents used at the meeting:
March Financial Report
March Statistics
Library Director’s Report
Kids Display Case Policy
Community Bulletin Board Policy