



**Deep River Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**
Monday, April 10, 2023
7 pm at the Library
Minutes

Present: Stephani Award, Linda Hall, Alexa Jamieson, Kim Olson, Pat Risinit, Susan Rooney, Kathryn Russell, Linda Zimmel

Absent: Lori Lenz

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Audience of Citizens: None

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 13, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's Report: Unanimously approved.

5. Correspondence: It was reported that The Friends gave a donation of \$3,000 for Summer programs and that Guy LaPlante's estate made a donation of \$3,600.

6. Library Director's Report:

- Library Stats: Susan Rooney reviewed the library stats for the month of March, noting that usage was generally stable.

7. Update on Committee Assignments:

- Linda Zimmel reported that no further progress had been made to date on the garden project. The Garden Club President is set to meet with the First Selectman on 4/18 to secure answers to questions raised at the 3/06 onsite meeting.

8. Old Business:

- Kathryn Russell reported on the status of grant outreach with the CT Neighborhood Assistance Program (information needed from the Town and from Kronenberger & Sons before finalization of the application and presentation at a Board of Selectmen meeting) and with SHPO, the State Historic Preservation Office, (contact made, and discussions are underway).

- Update on ARPA Funding: Linda Hall reported that the Board of Finance had approved \$35,000 for a new circulation desk and \$15,000 for program development. These items will go to vote at an upcoming Town Meeting, date to be determined. Susan Rooney will begin getting additional desk designs and costs and will contact M. Morrissey for an estimate of costs for consultation on placement design.
- Update on Window Repairs and Replacement: Specific estimates on window replacement costs are still pending from Kronenberger & Sons. A second estimate will be attained from Paul Riggio.
- Online Accounting: Kim Olson has set up this capability through Liberty Bank.

10. New Business:

- Construction Grant Webinar: Details were shared about this webinar sponsored by the CT Library Association and set for 4/13 at 10 - 11:30.
- Doggie "Pickup" Signs: Purchasing signs advising pickup of dog waste (similar to the signs in Fountainhill Cemetery) was unanimously approved.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.