

Board of Library Trustees Minutes
August 20, 2019
Ashland Public Library-Cheever Conference Room

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Chair Bonnie Mitchell; Trustees Carolyn Bell, Lornie Bullerwell, Kab Rabinowitz, Carol Ambacher; Library Director Paula Bonetti; Children's Librarian Lois McAuliffe
Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Minutes of July 16, 2019 were unanimously approved.

There are openings for two five-hour page positions, with only a few applications so far. Testing has begun. Interviews will follow final testing with candidate names available for the next Board meeting.

The Library Assistant position is also in the process of being filled. Two potential candidates have emerged. The first individual has an MLS degree, has cataloging experience at the Southborough Public Library and has performed many different jobs within that facility. The second candidate is bilingual with a BS in Counseling, has experience in a corporate library setting and spent three years working for the Sharon Public Library. The Board voted unanimously to provide Library Director, Paula Bonetti, the authorization to recommend the position to the first individual, pending references and to the second candidate should the first decline.

The Schiesske estate is still not settled. We have received \$45K to date and are entitled to 20% of the estate so there is more pending.

The Board unanimously approved accepting a musk ox sculpture donation from the Shay Rieger estate. Her niece, Melissa Fountain, notified us in writing of this offer. We will need to provide a base for the heavy bronze piece.

The union contract was settled August 8, 2019, retroactive to July 1, 2018. The salary for the Library Assistant position was increased.

November 20, 2019 is the date for the Fall Special Town Meeting.

Of note on the Director's Report: Circulation is looking up with an increase of 681 items from FY19 and Overdrive Online Subscriptions yielding 3,246 books in one and one half months.

September 17, 2019 is the date for the next Board meeting. We will revisit the last Strategic Plan with the intent of updating it.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ambacher, Secretary

