

Minutes of the January 13, 2021 Trustees Meeting (virtual)

Present: Karen Herman, John Hess, Mark Yanowitz, Tony Straceski, Marilyn Santagati, Laurence Lamagna, Barbara McNamara, and Carolyn Fantini

Minutes: **The Minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting were approved as moved by John Hess and seconded by Tony Straceski.**

Treasurer's Report: **The Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2020**

was accepted as moved by Mark Yanowitz and seconded by Marilyn Santagati.

Public Comments: None

Director's Report:

- **Building**
The Level 1 Bathrooms Project has made very slow progress even though some work is accomplished every day.
- **Town**
Barbara doesn't anticipate any issues with the FY2022 preliminary budget.
- **Services**
An Assistant Childrens' Librarian position is open. There will be virtual interviews beginning the week of January 25th on Zoom.
- **Holiday Luncheon**
The Staff enjoyed the Holiday Luncheon that was provided by the Trustees. It helped to lift everyone's spirits.
- **Covid**
On December 17th the Staff was divided into 3 groups to limit the exposure to the virus. Barbara carefully watches over the numbers of positivity in town so that the Staff will be as safe as possible.

Assistant Director's Report : None

Old Business

- An antique poster that depicts the formal opening of Memorial Hall Library (1873) was found in storage at the library. The Northeast Document and Conservation Center examined it and will provide conservation and an estimate of its value. Also the poster will keep its original frame and a digital version will be included for display purposes.
The Board voted for option 2 on page 3 of The Northeast Document and Conservation Center's proposal in the amount of \$5580 as moved by John Hess and seconded by Mark Yanowitz.

New Business

- Mark Yanowitz made the suggestion that perhaps MHL could initiate a program similar to the BPL's *Repairing America* about civil discourse. The Trustees might be able to provide a special Zoom platform so that townspeople could participate in discussions of current topics.

Adjournment at 5:00 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Fantini