Minutes of the September 11, 2019 Meeting

Present: Karen Herman, Larry Lamagna, Marilyn Santagati, John Hess, Tony Straceski, Mark Yanowitz, Carolyn Fantini, Barbara McNamara, Kim Lynn and Clare Curran-Ball

Minutes: The Minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting, as moved by John Hess and seconded by Larry Lamagna, were approved.

Treasurer’s Report:
The Treasurer’s Reports of April 30, 2019, June 30, 2019 and August 31, 2019 as moved by Carolyn Fantini and seconded by John Hess, was accepted.

Public comments: None scheduled

Director’s Report:

• Barbara brought the Trustees up to date on the ongoing building projects.
• Larry raised concern about the weeds in the gardens around the Library. It was decided that Karen will compose a letter, on behalf of the Board, to the Town Manager, Andrew Flanagan, relating how disturbed the Trustees are with this neglect.
• Marilyn asked if the chestnut tree near the retaining wall in the parking lot needed to come down. Barbara said that it was determined that it is fine for now.
• There were several Staff medical and personal issues this summer. The Library is fully staffed currently.
• Andover Day is postponed to September 22\textsuperscript{nd}.
• ARIS, financial and Compliance forms went out. The Library is in full compliance.
• There was impressive interest in the Summer Reading Programs.
• The Volunteer Coffee Hour will be held September 25\textsuperscript{th} from 10—11.
• Elder Services came by to see the library’s small meeting spaces. The position of Director of Elder Services will be reposted.

Assistant Director Report:

• The Library is launching a yearlong program series beginning in January 2020 with the theme “Elect to Connect”. The focus of the program is to connect people to improve mental and physical well-being.
• An Author Committee was formed in May of 2019 following interest expressed by the Board of Trustees to hold more author events at the library. The Committee will request The Friends and the Trustees to share some of the cost.

New Business:

• The Board members voted unanimously as moved by John Hess and seconded by Marilyn Santagati, to confirm the positions of Karen Herman, as Chairman; Lawrence Lamagna, as Treasurer; and Carolyn Fantini, as Secretary of the Board of Trustees at Memorial Hall Library.
• The Trustees agreed to have their next meeting on Wednesday, October 9\textsuperscript{th} at 4 pm as scheduled.
• The Holt Association of America would like to gift the Library with a rocking chair, purchased from Cracker Barrel Restaurants. The association will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in June, 2021 and it is their plan to place a rocking chair with a plaque on the headrest in the hometown of each of the Holt immigrants. Nicholas Holt, an Englishman, came to Andover in 1644.

• Parking meters
New parking meters are installed in every parking lot in town.

• Senator Barry R. Finegold’s Domestic Violence Forum
The Trustees agreed that Senator Barry R. Finegold’s forum is allowed in the library but there can be no fundraising component in keeping with the Meeting Room Policy.

• Mark Davis mobiles
The Trustees discussed the proposed Mark Davis mobiles for the rear entrance to the library. The Board made no decision and would like to consider meeting with the artist before going forward on the project. More discussion to follow.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm. The next meeting will be October 9, 2019 at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted, 
Carolyn Fantini, Secretary