

**Holliston Board of Library Trustees Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
March 3, 2021**

**Meeting ID: 981 3687 9306
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Members present by roll call: Karla Alfred, Nancy Baron, Bob Ostrow, Kara Peterson, Kristy Wiwczar

Staff present by roll call: Leslie McDonnell, Director

Others by remote: Yvette Cain (Holliston Reporter)

Nancy Baron called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Nancy read the statement regarding the suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law and the authorized use of remote participation. She noted that a roll call of attendance will be taken; that all votes during the meeting will be by roll call (to satisfy the legalities of teleconferencing), and that any motions, seconds, or discussion should be preceded by the member's announcing their name.

Library Director's Report:

One Book, One Holliston held on February 17 was a success. It featured the E. Dolores Johnson penned "Say I'm Dead: a Family Memoir of Race" which was held on February 17 with 33 people attending. The program was recorded and will be posted to the library website.

The "Cooking With Chocolate" program was well attended and received.

The staff is being trained on the use of Hoopla, the digital media service offered by the library and features movies and TV shows, ebooks and audiobooks, music and comics. The Library budget for FY22 was presented to the Finance Committee.

The pump is now fully installed on the boiler. It is self-regulating which should save money.

The Library has begun to be painted. The project is nearly complete. New carpeting will be installed mid-month. The installation of new windows has been put into the capital plan, although work won't start until next year.

Jensen-Sheehan Insurance is moving into the long empty building next to the library and has agreed to allow the library to use three of their parking spaces.

Work seems to be starting around the bank building in advance of Holliston Dental moving in.

Projects to be scheduled for the Spring include replacing the thermostat and exterior stonework restoration.

The security cameras have arrived and will be installed later this Spring.

Migration of information on the current website to the new website has begun.

Building Facilitator, James Keast, has locked in electric and gas prices for savings on future energy costs.

Leslie has been in communication with Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Michael Cassidy and Town Administrator Travis Ahern concerning the potential for the Library to re-open. Positive cases of Covid 19 are dropping in Holliston. Opening the Library is dependent upon the trend continuing.

The Friends of the Library is going to provide new posters for the Children's Room. Additionally, the Friends of the Library will fund a book discussion/art class of the book "Gift from the Sea," by Anne Morrow Lindberg on March 25. Decision has been made to skip the clothing drive this Spring.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karla Alfred, seconded by Kara Peterson, approved unanimously by roll call vote. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is April 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Bob Ostrow on May 5, 2021