

Chelmsford Public Library Trustee Minutes January 8, 2020

Present: Library Director Becky Herrmann, Library Trustees: David Braslau, Sarah Conte, Laura Ecker, Jill Kenny, Maggie Marshall, Adam Schertzer, Katy Van Dyne.

Meeting called to order by Jill at 7:03 p.m.

Public Comments – none.

Consent agenda - The minutes were pulled out for separate approval. David moved to accept the consent agenda minus the minutes. Laura seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The minutes were amended in XI, A – changed “our Wish List request” to “the Library’s Wish List request.” Laura moved, Katy seconded to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business – Mobile library: the new projected completion date is 1/10. The shelves may need to be wrapped, since they are steel and there is a concern about reflecting. That decision will be made once we take possession. The positive side about the many delays is that we are not having to pay to store the vehicle during these winter months. **Winterfest:** the library’s contribution to Winterfest activities will be a Trivia Night on 1/31. **One Book:** copies of both books are available, both authors are coming in March and pre-registration is required. Library is also getting downloadable copies of the books. There are many related programs, and there will be a “Plotluck” on 4/4 with mini-golf as the activity both that evening, and on Sunday morning for families. **Library Birthday Party:** there will be a low key celebration of the library addition’s 20th birthday (or 5th, depending on your point of view) on 2/29 – Leap Day. There will be a cake, an ongoing slide show, and other simple activities. **CD Reinvestment:** Adam presented the reinvestment options that Town Treasurer, John Sousa had provided. After discussing length of term, the level of liquidity needed, and whether to stay with Enterprise, David moved and Katy seconded to reinvest the maturing CD with Enterprise for the rate of 2.05%.

New Business – Trustee candidates for election: David and Maggie reached out to several people who were unable to serve. Adam and Maggie will pull papers for re-election. **Macmillan Embargo:** Macmillan Publishing is one of the “Big 5” vendors of library e-books. The Merrimack Valley Library Consortium purchases all e-books for its member libraries. Macmillan, in an attempt to sell more e-books, has placed a limit on new e-book releases; for the first two months, they will provide only one copy for all 36 libraries, but with unlimited checkouts. Macmillan is gambling that readers will get impatient and buy the e-book on their own. MVLC decided to join a nationwide library trend to not purchase any Macmillan e-books for 6 months, since it is an unfair practice and a barrier to access. After 6 months, MVLC will re-evaluate and gauge the level of fall-out, if any.

Adjournment: Adam motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret E. Marshall

Library Trustee