

## **Gardiner Public Library Board of Trustees meeting**

**February 11, 2019 at 5:30 PM**

### **Meeting minutes**

#### **Call to order/introductions:**

This meeting was called to order at 5:31PM with the following members in attendance: Arlene Kelley (Pittston), Helen Stevens/chair (Gardiner), Joan Thomas (Litchfield), Stephanie Duncan (Randolph), Kim Granholm (West Gardiner), Rachel Choate (Farmingdale), John Shaw (Gardiner), Mayor Pat Hart (ex officio) and Anne Davis (Director). Deb Sparrow (Gardiner) was absent.

#### **USA Patriot Act:**

Anne reported that there was no requests for library records since the last Trustee meeting.

#### **Approval of 12-3-18 meeting minutes:**

Joan moved to accept the minutes of 12-3-18 and Stephanie seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by members attending the meeting.

#### **Approval of 01-03-19 meeting minutes:**

Joan made a motion to accept the minutes of 1-3-19 and John seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by members attending the meeting.

#### **Discussion of FY20 library budget:**

Anne handed out the draft budget and went through it line by line answering any questions from the Trustees. Mayor Hart explained the budget process and the next steps to getting this library budget approved.

#### **Vote to approve the library's FY20 proposed budget to Gardiner City Council:**

Joan made a motion to approve the FY20 library budget and recommend it to Gardiner City Council. Kim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Trustee update:**

Helen wished to discuss a letter forwarded from the town offices in Pittston. Anne told the Board that the letter was from Pittston resident Kerry Malinowski and that her letter questioned library costs and services. Trustees discussed possible ways to react to the letter. They felt Anne should go talk to the Pittston Selectboard to answer the concerns and be prepared to do the same at the town meeting.

Mayor Hart suggested using the CPI rather than other Cost of Living Indexes when making the case for a percentage formula. John reminded everyone that everyone has a right to be heard and our job is to present the facts.

During this discussion John Shaw asked Pat Hart how Council reacted to the percentage increases. Pat felt that they were pleased to have some sort of indicator for levying fees.

#### **Gardiner Library Association update:**

Anne told the Board that the GLA was trying to redefine the Avis Ames Trust so that the money could better benefit the library. Rachel would like to see more PR surrounding library events and programming.

#### **Next meeting/adjourn:**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2019 at 5:30PM. This meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

#### **Minutes transcribed,**

Anne Davis