

**Kensington Public Library  
Trustee Meeting Minutes**

**Sep 29, 2022**

(Rescheduled from Sep 15, 2022 due to a scheduling conflict)

**DRAFT**

**Present:** Susie Gilbert, Heather Ritter, Lauri Murphy, and Susan Bascom

Meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm at Kensington Public Library (KPL)

**Previous meeting minutes:** Jul 14, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved

**Statistics for July and August:**

- Total library visits for Jul (650) and Aug (738) showed a steady increase in monthly visits in 2022
- Total circulation showed an increase in Jul (1360) and decreased slightly in Aug (1015)

**Budget:**

- While overall 2022 expenses have not exceeded allocated budget (70.8% spent Jan-Aug), increased cost in specific areas (e.g. heat, electricity, programming) have shown that the allocated 2022 budget will not be adequate for the coming year
- 2023 proposed budget reviewed and finalized for submission to Select Board.
  - o Two water filters need replacement due to high levels of arsenic, and to make the library's water safe to drink. Unanimous decision to present a warrant article to raise the needed funds (\$5000)

**KPL Policy Review:**

- Draft KPL Personnel Policy on hold until funds available for legal review and approval

**Events Report:**

- 9/21/22 Kathy Bailey, "NH War Monuments"; 3 in-person attendees
- 10/1/22 9am 1pm, Civil War Enactment, in collaboration with the Historical Society
- 10/5/22 7 pm via zoom, Steve Hale "Birding without Binoculars"
- 10/19/22 7 pm via zoom, Jane Oneil "Heroes and Homecomings: Norman Rockwell and WW II"
- 11/9/22 in person, Paul Wainwright "New England Meetinghouses"

**Summer Programs:**

- Summer reading program: 46 adults, 23 teens, and 90 kids participated.

**Kensington Old Home Day 8/13/22**

- Book sale put on by Friends of the Library was successful
- Performer in Sawyer Park, Steve Blunt "Down by the Bay; Songs of the Sea," was well-received

**Other Business:**

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- Holiday hours discussed and unanimously approved
  - o Library closed Nov 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving; Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas; Dec 31<sup>st</sup> & Jan 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year
- Annual review for S Gilbert to be scheduled in Nov
- S Bascom will contact Goffstown Library Director re giving presentation about “The Human Library” (discussed at Jul 14 meeting) via Microsoft Teams, ideally to be done prior to Oct Trustee meeting

**Next Meeting:** Oct 20, 2022 at 4:30pm at Kensington Public Library

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, S Bascom