

**Kensington Public Library
Trustee Meeting Minutes
Oct 20, 2022**

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

Meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm at Kensington Public Library (KPL)

Previous meeting minutes: Sep 29, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved

Statistics for Sep:

- Total number visits for Sep (370) was less than visits through the summer months.
- Total circulation for Sep (820) also showed a decrease compared to the summer months.
- The number of inter-library loans from KPL in Sep (55) was the highest seen all year. Of note, requests are not filled if they are for books new to KPL and still in demand by Kensington residents; in Sep, there were approximately 75-80 requests.

Budget:

- Overall 2022 expenses have not exceeded allocated budget (79.6% spent Jan-Sep). As noted last month, increased costs 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, including funds needed to replace water filters due to high levels of arsenic, will be presented at November Board of Selectmen's meeting (exact date TBD). S. Gilbert will create a Power Point presentation for this meeting as a way to clearly demonstrate rationale for proposed budget.

Events Report:

- 10/19/22, Jane Oneail "Heroes and Homecomings: Norman Rockwell and WW II"; 12 attendees via zoom
- Upcoming events:
 - o 11/9/22 7 pm in person, Paul Wainwright "New England Meetinghouses"
 - o 11/16/22 7pm in person, Nancy Steenson, college admissions coach

Other Business:

- Discussion about presentation of "The Human Library" given prior to this meeting by Dianne Hathaway, Goffstown Library Director. This program is a way to build empathy among people who are different from each other; all feel it may be worth pursuing at KPL. Dianne will forward her presentation, and is available to assist, if needed. Goffstown's next Human Library is April 23, 2023; one or more of us hope to participate.

Next Meeting: Nov 17, 2022 at 4:30pm at Kensington Public Library

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm
Respectfully submitted, S Bascom