

## Henry Carter Hull Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting

HCH Community Room

April 12, 2023 – Meeting minutes

Attendees: Rich Santanelli, Ken McDonnell, Michael Valenti, Dianne Flynn, Elizabeth Goldstein, Mary Gilbert, Bob Igo, Val Nye, Paul Gebauer.

Absent: Christina Acampora, Laurie Santos, Michael Brochu, Dave Reynolds

Administrator: Maribeth Breen

Meeting called to order by Santanelli at 7pm.

1. Minutes of March meeting approved.
2. New members Nye and Gebauer welcomed by the Board. Flynn and Valenti reported on their tours of the Guilford and Madison libraries. No correspondence was reviewed.
3. Treasurer's report. Breen provided a summary of HCH's various restricted or designated fund accounts and the Meigs trust income history for the new board members. Full report on income and HCH budget performance to date to await Treasurer's report. Update of town budget process provided and the vote scheduled.
4. Director's report: Matthew Capese's tech assistance is proving to be a great help for patrons. Sunday hours are over for now. Traffic and usage was down from previous years and we're not sure why.

Possible reasons are the lessening of covid concerns and the mild winter weather. Breen discussed the need for board member support, both time and financial. A trustee code of ethics was discussed including the possibility of its adoption by the board.

5. Committee Reports.

a. Fundraising. The mini golf proposal by Acampora was discussed and it was agreed that this should be pursued further but probably for the late fall or winter as an indoor event. Another fundraiser this summer using the format of the last After Hours event was discussed. Santanelli will contact the steel drum band for costs and dates. Nye also suggested her husband's band as an option.

b. Grounds. Gebauer raised the possibility of grants for EV charging stations in the parking lot. Costs to HCH need to be investigated.

6. New/Old business: none.

7. Next meeting 5/10 at 7pm. Polls will be closed by 8pm on budget vote that evening.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.