

South Hadley Public Library

2 Canal Street
South Hadley, MA 01075
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Monday -Wednesday: 9:30 am - 8 pm
Thursday - Friday: 9:30 am - 6 pm
Saturday: 9 :30 am - 1 pm Closed Sunday



Board of Library Trustee – Meeting Minutes for 6/7/21

PRESENT: Bob Berwick, Connie Clancy, Susan Crowther, Leslie Fields, Barbara Merchant, David Morrell, Mitch Resnick, Timna Tarr, Gillian Woldorf. Library Director Joe Rodio.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting Called to Order at 7:04pm by Chair Crowther.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were approved for the Trustees' meeting held 5/3/21. (Fields, Morrell).

DISPOSITION OF BILLS: Motion was approved unanimously to pay the library's bills if found to be in order (Woldorf, Resnick).

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS REPORT:

The Library Director gave his report; a written copy was distributed to the Board. Among the topics discussed: SHPL opened for modified public access on May 10 and when state guidelines expired on June 1 the library opened fully to the public following general guidance from the CDC. Seating and computers are gradually being brought back to full capacity. The library is applying for the MBLC's Mobile Hotspot Lending Program through T-Mobile.

GAYLORD UPDATE: The Gaylord rotunda-level opened on May 20 for public browsing on Thursday & Friday afternoons from 1PM-5PM. Outdoor programming is planned for June including children's programs and an outdoor concert.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A tree will be planted in the fall in honor of retired Library Trustee and former Library Director Connie Clancy.

NEW BUSINESS: A four-month timeline was discussed for the library to engage in a Strategic Planning Process that will include appointing a committee and engaging the community. The following people were appointed to the Strategic Planning Committee: Amy Diehl, Randy Hyvonen, Alison Lee, Andrea Mile, Britt North, Shane Robitaille, and Katie Van Winkle. Trustee Timna Tarr will serve as Chair and Library Director Joe Rodio will be an ex officio member.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm (Sweeney, Tarr).