

J.A. Tarbell Library

Minutes

January 4, 2022

Present: Jennifer Howe, Bob Rogers, Lou Sorrentino, Sally Curran, Brenda Cassidy

Bob called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The December minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: In response to questions, Sally reported \$18,000.00 in non-town account and \$16,000.00 in the town account. Ursula will get the payroll expenditures and then Sally will be able to do the treasurer's report for the town report.

Librarian's report: Kathleen is back at work. Wally Holt delivered the additional shelves requested for the new bookshelves. Several mice have been caught in the library. Bob will contact Russ Boland and see if the library can be included in the contract with JP Pest. We have no programs scheduled for the winter due to ongoing Covid issues.

Old Business: We had a discussion on how to do outreach to homeschooling families to find out how the library can help and what materials they might like us to provide.

New Business: There is a bill being proposed by the Legislature to require background checks on all new library hires. The trustees are neutral on the subject. We had a brief discussion on moving our meeting time to days rather than evenings. It was decided to try meeting at 2 p.m. in the library on the first Tuesday of the month and see how that works out – at least for the rest of the winter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 1 at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Curran, Acting Secretary