

West Tisbury Free Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Date: July 20, 2021

**APPROVED August 17, 2021**

Trustees Present: Lynn Hoeft, Rob Hauck, Fran Finnigan, Emily Fischer,  
Wendy Neurenberg

Trustees Absent: Wayne Smith

Director: Alexandra Pratt

Minutes: minutes of June 8 meeting accepted unanimously.

#### Director's Report:

- In-person library visits have started; 20 persons per hour.
- Participation in all programs has been brisk.
- many patrons are choosing to work in library's outdoor spaces.
- Friend of the Library will hold their annual book sale at the West Tisbury School on July 26-Aug. 2 from 9am to 2pm. Books will be sold by the bag at \$10.00 per bag. Masks will be required and the number of persons admitted will be limited.
- The Friends have donated \$20,000 to the library.

#### Old Business:

- The technicians have not been able to locate the precise area where the HVAC system is leaking. The problem might be behind interior walls. Investigating this will require additional funds and the job needs to go out for an emergency bid. In-window air conditioners are being utilized to keep the library cool and dry.
- A new refrigerator for the staff room will be delivered by Crane Appliance in the coming week.
- Feedback regarding the appointment system for the Children's Room has been favorable. Families are given the option of sharing the room with another family.

- Portions of the irrigations system will need to be replaced.

**New Business:**

- The downstairs meeting rooms are now open by appointment.
- Fran will contact Dan Waters regarding a request for a Stan Murphy print which was offered by the Foundation as a fundraiser during construction of the new library.
- The new strategic plan will be due in April of 2022.
- The Farmer's Market has requested use of one of the library's wireless routers.
- Emily Fischer brought up the question: "How safe is the library network?"
- Library and civic building are asked to acknowledge the concept of the use Native Lands. This would not be a policy per se, but an acknowledgment of the forgotten history that all land originally belonged to indigenous people. Since the purpose is awareness and education, Rob suggested that it be included in an educational activity sponsored by the library.

**Unanticipated topics: none**

**Correspondence received:**

**Adjournment: 6:20pm**

**Next Meeting: August 17, 2021, 3:30pm**

**Submitted by: Fran Finnigan**