



***Alice M. Ward Memorial Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
February 2, 2022***

I. Open Meeting:

The 02/02/2022 Alice M. Ward Memorial Library (AWML) Trustees meeting was opened at 4:04 pm by Nancy Petro.

II. Attendees:

Nancy Petro, Suzanne Phinney, Sharon Belleville, Gana Carr, Shellie Bresnahan, Sharon Ellingwood White, Ron King, Monique Petrofsky

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Suzanne and seconded by Gana to approve 01/05/2022 AWML Trustee meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

None

V. General Public Comments:

Monique Petrofsky, co-chair of the Canaan Historical Society, attended the meeting. She is working on two long term plans, one of which involves the library. The project involves the creation and placement of historical markers around Canaan and a Heritage trail. Markers would be much like the ones found at the Connecticut Lakes in Pittsburg; a photo was shared as an example of the marker appearance. The first one they hope to place would include pictures and a history of the library, and of the garden at Bob Lee's house, on a single marker. Monique presented the plans to the trustees, seeking approval of the plan. The library trustees and librarian will review and approve the text and photos prior to the marker being produced. The plan is, with approval, to place the marker on the Lee property. Monique is in the early stages of the project and will be talking to the Lee's. Additionally, she was advised to check with the town zoning board, and to check on how snow plowing may affect the placement. Once she has completed the information gathering part of her project, she intends to seek grant funding.

VI. Building Maintenance/Concerns:

See Librarian's report

VII. Budget Review:

The 2022 budget and library report has been submitted to the town office for inclusion in the Town Report. The January 2022 budget activity was reviewed.

VIII. Policy/Bylaw Review:

Trustees previously reviewed items that were finalized and brought back to the board for signatures- placed in effect. They were the Collection Development Policy, the policy for Reconsideration of Library Materials and forms, and a form- Suggestion for Purchase or Programming that patrons may complete.

IX. Library Activity:

See Librarian's report information.

X. Ongoing/Future Goals:

XI. Other Business:

No business was conducted at the meeting requiring trustee voting.

Town Meeting will occur on 02/28/2022 at 6 pm in the Canaan Schools gymnasium.

There will be no AWML Trustee meeting held in March. The next regular meeting of the trustees will be held on 04/06/2022 at 4 pm.

XII. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Shellie to adjourn the 02/02/2022 AWML Trustees meeting and seconded by Sharon. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Alice M. Ward Memorial Library Trustees will occur at 4:00 pm on 04/06/2022.