

DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
August 19, 2021
1:00 PM

Due to the increasing concern surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was open to the public through the Zoom Conferencing platform. A recording of the meeting was aired on Comcast Local TV 9 and posted on the Town of Dighton YouTube Channel.

Call to Order Trustee Meeting Started at 1:25.

This was a hybrid meeting with public participation through with Zoom.

Roll Call –

In person participants: Trustees: Ron O’Connor, Chair; Rita Araujo, trustee; EveMarie Cabral, trustee

Library Staff: Jocelyn Tavares, director, Britt Grealish-Rust; Lorie Van Hook; Phyllis Haskell
Town of Dighton representatives: Ken Pacheco, Board of Selectmen; Michael Mullen, Town Administrator; Tom Ferry, Highway Superintendent; James Aguiar, Building Commissioner

Members of the public present participating by Zoom: none present

With a virtual meeting, a roll call vote should be taken, so that it is absolutely clear what the outcome of the vote is. The meeting must be completely audible. The meeting is recorded.

New Business

- Learned that the procured trailer is still in Georgia waiting for transportation services due to covid. Day by day status for the trailer.
- Discussed plans on working with the Highway Department for moving into the Lower Level of Town Hall and into the Modular once it arrives.
- Engineering is underway at the library but library service is not expected to return to Main Street. There are questions about moving forward in future temporary space and Main Street.
- Discussed which operations should be located in the Lower Level of Town Hall. Meeting Room was promised to the Youth services. Downstairs at Main Street will be closed permanently. Visit Lower Level during Food Bank to make sure both operations can work together. Separate key, separate entrance to Lower Level conference room.
- The town will buy storage packing boxes, like the delivery containers.
- Both locations would benefit from shelving around perimeter of the rooms. Mobile shelving.
- Internet services discussed for both lower conference room and trailer. Asked about wireless internet.
- Cleaning services will be transferred to the modular and lower level of town hall.
- Passports services are on hold.
- Public forums to discuss what happens to the library should continue. Ron asked Jim to be informed about when the Capital Outlay meetings are used.
- Concerns about messaging to the public since the library is getting lots of questions from the public. Difference of opinion about the message between library officials and town officials.
- Discussed storage with Main Street and about whether it made sense to rent a storage unit for the trailer.

- Goal is to open the next week to ten days.
- Book drop is one of the last things to move to the town hall complex.
- Parking is also discussed, with accessible parking spots.
- One door on the lower level is an accessible entrance but not the designated entrance.
- Questions about operational hours.

Questions/Input

Adjournment Eve moved to adjourn the meeting. Rita seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

EveMarie Cabra: Aye

Rita Araujo: Aye

Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 2:50.