

Aquinnah Public Library Trustees Meeting
Draft Minutes
Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Meeting Convened: 10:30 a.m.

Present: Heidi Vanderhoop, Chair; Faith Vanderhoop, Margie Spitz, Trustees; Rosa Parker, Acting Library Director

Review of Previous Minutes: No minutes were reviewed or approved.

Old Business:

1. Door project will be discussed at a future meeting.

New Business:

1. The Board of Selectmen will meet tomorrow, Weds. May 20 and neither Rosa, nor any of the Trustees can attend this meeting. Apparently, the Treasurer has suggested that the Highway dept. and the Library staff both take vacation time to finish out the next three pay periods. It is unclear what benefit to the Town this would provide. Our employees have been working from their homes and have kept records of work performed. Their non-attendance is felt to be through no fault of their own and not to be regarded as a vacation.

The Trustees asked Rosa to write a letter for the Selectmen's meeting expressing our support for continuing regular payment to employees as they work from home. They should be allowed to carry forward their vacation time to the new fiscal year, as practice has previously provided, if they so choose. As we begin to open the Schoolhouse for staff use during Phase I (dependent on the Town providing requisite health protections for library staff), scheduling of vacation time may become more difficult, not less so.

The Trustees suggested that Rosa ask Ebba at Chilmark library how they are handling this matter in their library.

2. The commencement of Phase I as proposed by island libraries is contingent on the Town providing those health protections mentioned above including deep and frequent cleaning procedures. The letter might also inquire of the Selectmen what specific plans and schedules they have in mind for sanitizing the library and providing Covid-19 proof masks and gloves for staff. (The Librarian should work directly with any company hired to sanitize.) The particular difficulties unique to

our library, due to its small size, were also touched upon and will be addressed further as we progress.

Next Meeting: May 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Spitz, Trustee