

**Weston Public Library
Board of Trustees**

Meeting Minutes *February 1, 2021*

In Attendance via zoom

- Jennifer Warner, Director
- Allison Palmgren, Assistant Director
- Linda DeLaney, Trustee
- Emily Hutcheson, Secretary
- Joe Mullin, Vice-Chair
- Julie Panagakos, Chair
- Susan Scott, Trustee
- Chris Welles, Trustee
- Cecily Cassum AIC Board Chair
- Camille Schmidek, FWPL President
- Dario Demare, from Dario Designs

Call to order: After reading Gov. Baker's March 12 and March 15, 2020 Orders concerning provisions for open meeting laws, and for limitations on numbers of people gathering, Julie Panagakos **called the meeting to order at 9:32AM.**

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** by Susan Scott to approve the Minutes of December 4, 2020. **Second:** by Linda Delaney. **Motion approved, with one abstention.**
- **Motion:** by Joe Mullin to approve the Minutes of December 7, 2020. **Second:** by Susan Scott. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Discussion about possible pavilion

- Julie and Joe introduced Dario Demare to those who hadn't met him 5 years ago when he did renderings of what we had hoped would be an annex attached to the main library. (This idea fell through when the State altered septic regulations.)
- Dario spoke the sorts of things he can offer us, including the scope, the cost and the schedule of his work. He will also provide us with a questionnaire within a week or so to help us solidify our thinking on what we want, what the restrictions will be, and what kinds of programs we envision.
- Jenn will ask Facilities whether there are other designers they might recommend. She will also clarify issues about whether or not we can spend our trust funds without doing an RFP.
- Chris will look into the costs of having a more temporary, free-standing structure.
- Julie and Joe will be in touch with Dario.

Director's report

- A warm welcome to Chris Welles, our new Trustee.
- We are all thrilled to have the library open to walk into now, as long as it's not over capacity. No appointment necessary!
- The new people counter at the door takes away the need for a door monitor, and will be able to be used to track foot traffic in the future.
- Jenn stressed how above-and-beyond the Staff has been this year, responding with creativity and perseverance to the myriad challenges of the pandemic.
- And the Board made certain that Jenn and Alli know of our deep appreciation for their leadership in keeping the Weston Library open and able to serve the public.

- Lots of good zoom meetings took place this month, including the non-fiction book group now led by Alli and Anne, who have developed a webpage for supplemental reading.
- Jenn and Dan Green, Principal of Field School, are discussing how to collaborate on book groups about social and racial justice.

Report on AIC

- Cecily reported that zoom classes are well attended, some at capacity.
- Weston resident, Alli Fernandez, is offering good advice on marketing and will help with a marketing budget and plan in the next couple months.
- A grand re-opening is being planned for September, and silent on-line auction of donated art in October.
- With Joel Angiolillo retiring, the AIC Board is looking for a new member who has expertise in maker space environments.

Announcements

- Linda and Joe will be joining the Long Range Range Planning Committee, with Joe helping especially on developing a spending plan for our Trust Funds.

Next meeting: March 1, 2021 at 9:30AM

Motion to adjourn: by Joe Mullin at 10:45

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hutcheson, secretary