



OBSERVER REPORT

Abbot Public Library Board of Trustees meeting - April 4, 2022
LWVM Observer: Brigitte Lagoutte

Members in attendance: EuRim Chun, Gary Amberik, Nancy Arata, John Williams, David Ross, Kim Grad.

Meeting in person at the Library and open to the public.

1. The Minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting were approved

2. Director's Report:

- The website upgrading focused on policies and internet use: the use of late fees has been removed and this decision was approved by the Trustees.
- The new Library logo is taking shape and will be finalized soon.
- Salem State University library may help with the storage of some documents and has asked that a donation rather than a monthly fee be given to them.

3. Chairman's Report:

- The Library is recruiting two new Trustees to replace Nancy Arata and EuRim Chun whose terms expire in July 2022. Word has been disseminated. Candidates have to submit their nominating papers to the Town Clerks no later than May 2, 2022.
- The Town Meeting will take place on June 2, 2022 at the Middle School auditorium at 7pm, and the Town Elections will take place on June 21, 2022.

4. Building Renovation Committee Report:

- The temporary library will move to the Eveleth School rather than the Coffin School.
- Coffin has a great space, but the electrical service is under capacity, and the boiler is in a really poor state.
- Eveleth is smaller but well maintained, has an easy access, being on one level, and has great parking space.
- The BRC will meet with the School Committee soon.
- The move should start between June 1st and July 1st and will take about 4 weeks; Eveleth will open in mid-October.

- The Library will close around Labor Day and will reopen in the spring of 2024.
- There will be a re-estimation of the cost regarding the new heating system of the Library. Several environmental possibilities are being considered.
- Good news regarding the elevator of the Library - it won't need a new shaft.

5. Friends of the Library:

- Membership drive is under way and cards will be sent to prospective new members.
- In preparation of a spring bookfair, there will be a book collection at the Library on April 23, 25, 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. Next Board meeting on May 9, 2022 at 6:30 at the Library.