



OBSERVER REPORT

ABBOT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES: MONDAY APRIL 5TH, 2021
LWVM Observer: Brigitte Lagoutte

Members in attendance: Nancy Arata, Phyllis Smith, Ann McGreevy, Gary Amberik, David Ross, Laurie Flowers, EuRim Chun, Wayne Stemmer, Patti Rogers. Meeting on Zoom and open to the public.

1. Minutes of the March 1st, 2021 meeting were approved.

2. Abbot Public Library Fund, Inc:

- Approval of the minutes of the March 1st meeting.
- Redo of by-laws: after being reviewed by the attorney, the by-laws will go to all members so they can add their comments, and then will be voted on at the next meeting
- The APL Fund, Inc is looking for 8 to 10 new members. People with different type of skills are welcomed (fundraising, marketing, legal etc.). Names should be submitted to the President of the Foundation, Wayne Stemmer, along with a short paragraph or two of bio information.

3. Director's Report:

- Curb side pickup is working well.
- The library will be reopened for browsing by appointment on April 8th.
- The Fire department has the keys of the library building in case of emergency in case of emergency and the Town Dispatcher will be the backup to the library custodian in case of a serious emergency.

4. Financial Report:

- The March 22nd Fin Comm meeting did a final review of the library's 2022 proposed budget and also reviewed the pie chart for the renovation which was previously discussed. This will be part of the presentation at Town Meeting on May 3rd.
- April 19 is the Warrant meeting during which the power point presentation to the Town Meeting will be shown and discussed. Presenting will be Chair, Nancy Arata and Stew Roberts, the architect.

5. Chairman Report

-The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on May 10 as May 3rd is the date of the Town Meeting.

-If the override passes at Town Meeting, we have to gear up the advocacy campaign for the Election on June 22nd. The override only takes effect with a majority of the town vote.

-On June 22nd there will be a Zoom meeting for donors

6. Selection Committee update:

-All interviews of candidates have been completed. We had an excellent and competitive pool of candidates. We stressed renovation experience and transitional library experience. An offer has been made to a finalist. We will be able to discuss more soon.

7. Advocacy Committee:

-Need to encourage people to come to the Town Meeting on May 3rd to support the Library. A one-page FAQ will be developed and passed out to all who attend Town Meeting giving them more background on the Library campaign. This will also be posted on the Library website.

-A recent video segment from MHTV on the Library campaign will be sent by email to various constituencies in Marblehead to update them on the status of the override and the renovation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Next meeting on May 10, 2021.