

**EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**September 28, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00pm. Barbara Young opened the meeting with the roll call at 6:00pm.  
Present: Barbara Young, Susan Drinker, Mary LaFreniere, Denise Leonard, Jenny Medlock, Paula Sears, Lisa Wilson, Linda Tober, Laura Wyskiel, and Hope Godino
2. **CORRESPONDENCE:** St. Vincent DePaul sent a thank you for donations and food to distribute from the library's drop off bin. Robert Languedoc sent a thank you to the library staff for the many years of help and assistance with books as he is moving from Exeter. Marilyn Unger wrote to say how grateful she is for the library. Julia is friendly, Beth helps with technical issues and all make a difference.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes were unanimously approved from the prior meeting.
4. **REPORTS:**
  - a. **Director's Report:** Sign up for the library newsletter. You can click on a link on the website or sign up to be sent an email update every week on what's going on at the library. Hope sees more people coming back to the library. They are spending time inside the library and are now more spread out in the newly renovated space.
  - b. **Operating Statement:** We are using our own copier rather than a copier company for added income. There is are more laptops to loan with a multi-charger unit purchased and kept in a locked closet. New furniture and equipment in the children's room.
  - c. **Building and Grounds:** Walkway is finished. Garden looks wonderful. Still have garage ceiling to replace. Team is very proud of this library.
  - d. **Finance and Fundraising:** Letter for fundraising done. Thank you to Linda Tober. Looking into who to send it to and giving history. Regular chairs \$150, higher chairs \$550.00. Motion to accept annual appeal letter and card approved unanimously.
  - e. **Long Range Plan:** End of the 2021 plan.
  - f. **Personnel and Policy:** Nothing to report.
  - g. **Friends:** 20+ signed up at open house, which was good as they almost folded. Taking fundraiser out of the mix. Meeting quarterly – November 9<sup>th</sup> next meeting. They have a facebook page and love doing the garden. Putting up a sign not by the dumpster. People can donate to friends through amazon.smile
  - h. **Social:** Nothing to report.
5. **CONTINUING BUSINESS:** No continuing business.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:** 2022 preliminary General Fund Budget. Not sure energy use with renovation. Public services same as last year, 3.9% increase, same as non-union town employee. 2022 preliminary general fund budget passed unanimously.
7. **CLOSED SESSION, IF NECESSARY:** None.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
9. **ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.  
Next meeting October 26 in Children's Art Room.