

**Weston Public Library
Board of Trustees**

Meeting Minutes *March 7, 2022*

In Attendance

- Jenn Warner, Director
- Alli Palmgren, Assistant Director
- Emily Hutcheson, Secretary
- Joe Mullin, Trustee
- Shaheen Parks, Trustee
- Susan Scott, Chair
- Chris Welles, Trustee
- Cecily Cassum, AIC Board Chair
- Camille Schmidek, FWPL President
- John Mckenzie, Town resident

The meeting was called to order by Susan Scott at 9:36AM.

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** Chris Welles moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022. **Second:** by Shaheen Parks. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Director's report

- **Motion:** by Joe Mullin, to remove the dead tree near Alphabet Lane. **Second:** by Susan Scott. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Because of the rise in book challenges and disruptive demonstrations around the country, we will be updating our collection development policy.
- Also because of recent upheaval, it is important to review and update The WPL Code of Conduct. A draft was presented and discussed; a vote will take place after this policy is approved by counsel.
- Also discussed was the Internet Access and Acceptable Use policy, which will be updated.
- The Staff has worked to create a "teen nook" outside the entrance to the teen area of Youth Services. Books and pamphlets on sensitive topics for teens will be available, as well as adult coloring books for relaxation.
- The craft room in Youth Services was open for the first time in two years during school vacation week.
- The building is returning to a pre-COVID feel, with more people coming in for browsing and programs. The Friends' bake sale attracted the highest number of patrons in the building in 2022, and spread joy with staff and patrons both.
- Mask wearing will be optional starting on March 10, 2022.

AIC report

- Cecily reported an increase in rental activity and interest.
- Thanks to Chris Welles, the first Jazz Jam was highly successful, with over 30 people attending.

- The presentation to the Select Board went very well. There was universal agreement that the AIC is in fact a branch of the Library; and the Select Board communicated that the current financial status of the AIC is reasonable given the timing of our opening.

Financial planning update

- Susan continues to work to clarify with the Town how much money is available to the Library from the consolidated trust funds.

Trustee vacancy and Town Caucus discussion

- The process involved at the Town Caucus was explained.

Next meeting: April 4 at 9:30AM

Joe Mullin moved to adjourn at 10:19AM

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hutcheson, secretary