Carver Library Trustees Meeting Minutes June 7, 2021 Carver Public Library

In attendance: Trustees Marianne MacLeod, Chairman, Peg Blackwell, Brenda Manix, Janet O'Connor, and Marie Zweigman Carole Julius, Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

On a motion by Peg Blackwell, seconded by Janet O'Connor, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting.

Director's Report:

The library is able to use American Recovery Plan funds to increase technology "hot spots". Carol has completed requests for 10 additional using these funds.

Cindy Bryden is back from furlough.

Starting in July -12 more times will become available for pick-up; in person visits to Library begin in September

Performance reviews this week – due by the end of the month; Carole praised her team for their hard work during the library closure.

Old Business:

Carole noted:

Staff from the Building Maintenance Department was back on the roof checking for damage; found nothing serious; repairs to damaged shingles in budget for upcoming fiscal year.

Grounds – new sprinklers have been installed – reseeding scheduled for this fall HVAC – heating is working OK issue is with AC; Town Meeting passed approval for an engineering study for this call. 10 portable AC units have been installed.

Fines: Carole and Amy have been discussing whether fines should be reinstated and felt that they should not be eliminated. For the summer food donations will be accepted in lieu of monetary payments; monetary fines will begin in September.

New Business:

Carole reported the hours are now:

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Carole noted she and Amy have been in discussions about whether the fines for overdue books should be reinstated. They decided that in July food donations will be accepted through September in lieu of monetary fines.

Carole noted that since Juneteenth, Saturday June 19, is going to become a state holiday, she is asking the Trustees for formal approval to close the library on that date. On a motion by Sharon Clarke, seconded by Peg Blackwell, it was voted unanimously to close the library on June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

Carole gave additional updates on staffing and summer reading program, and the adult book club. There will not be a summer adult program this year.

Next meeting: September 20 at 5 p.m.

On a motion by Sharon Clarke, seconded by Peg Blackwell, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Zweigman Secretary