



Friends of The Groton Public Library

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Annual Meeting
April 22, 2021

The Annual Meeting was conducted on zoom and attended by Executive Board Members Chris Griffin, Pat Gaines, Mary Roberts, Kim Slocum, Linda Willis and Sue Haynes. Also attending: Sara Knobles, Sheri Shurtleff, Betty Conger, Pauline Satterly, Marilyn Brady, Laurene Kushner, Nancy Dailey, Carl Haynes and Gretchen Henry.

The financial report for 2020 was presented by Treasurer Kim Slocum, as well as the current Jan 1- April 19, 2021 report, and updates on the furniture restoration and expansion funds. The audit report for 2020 prepared by Chuck Rankin showed all aspects of the financial records in excellent condition.

The expansion was discussed as well as plans to reopen the library to normal hours June 1 after the work of resettling is completed. Repair of the roof where the 1980s expansion meets the original building is needed, as well as repointing the original brick. NYS construction grants and bullet aid will be considered.

Summer reading will be kicked off July 6 with Dan the Snakeman and sign up for "adopt and read to a pet". Both sponsored by funds approved by the Fogpl executive board.

The status of the furniture and lamp restoration project was updated by Chris and Sue. Two tables, twelve chairs and two lamps are currently restored and in the library. A total of 8 lamps were rewired, bronzed and shades polished. The children's furniture, coffee table, and two more tables as well as many chairs are being restored by Barry and Barb Siebe.

Plans for landscaping were updated by Mary Roberts: including the possibility of the fence on the east side being removed and replaced with perennial plantings, possible decorative fence placed on two sides of the transformer, and additional plantings in that area. Mulch will be delivered and a workday scheduled.

Executive Board nominations were made by Pauline Satterly with Chris Griffin, Pat Gaines, Kim Slocum, Mary Roberts, and Sue Haynes re-elected. Linda Willis leaves the board with the Friends gratitude, especially for serving as Vice President, coordinating the book sale and maintaining our membership database.

Also discussed: the Little Free Libraries (at 172 Main Street and Groton Elementary School), the need to have a Friends of Groton Public Library promotional sign for events, and possible notecards as mementos with photos of GPL.

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