

Minutes 5/13/2021

OAK BLUFFS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monthly Meeting, electronically by Zoom
3pm, May 13, 2021

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: 3:06 PM

Allyson Malik, Scottie Vail, Marney Toole, Lynn VanAuken, EL Edwards, Pam Melrose, later
Lloyd Henke, Kathy Taylor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 11, 2021 and April 8, 2021 approved unanimously as
edited... All votes are by individual voice vote

RE-OPENING PLAN: Revised soft opening, public opening ...Began May 12 with trial run of
some patrons to work on effectiveness of proposed protocols & work out problems. Next week
expands to open some hours for general public and a Public Notice of Open Hours to be posted
on June 1 on various sites. OB Health & Town mask & protocols as well as in library usage
protocols are to be posted & followed for safety of patrons & staff.

COVID PANDEMIC RESPONSE POLICY vs GLOBAL EMERGENCY POLICY : Discussed
expanding to a more global policy based on our experiences in formulating COVID 19
responses, perhaps broader language that could help in handling & empowering staff in future
emergency situations & closures that might arise.

Allyson shared staff concerns with handling confrontations with patrons over protocols. She has
done some training to help them and has recommended further training. She has continued to
work on protocols with Megan from the Board of Health and other Island libraries. Postponed
discussion of policy changes for now.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPDATE:

HVAC..Dykes will install industrial strength dehumidifier in meeting room within next 2 weeks.
Hopefully it won't be noisy.

RISE Energy will replace fixtures next week and add new bulbs to drum lights.

Richie Combra has had to delay hiring an engineer until July due to Town Hiring budget freeze.
Will get back to him on June 29,

TRUSTEE LETTER TO BOS: Final reading/approval for submission our letter regarding the
need to have the Town address improving Technology support & needs of the Library and all
Town Departments..

Update from Allyson on technology support. Travis has been into library to address some of the
requests that had been submitted in the past year. We voted unanimously to go ahead and send
the letter we had drafted to the Select Board and Wendy, as the need for improved Tech support
for Town departments is still an issue that needs to be addressed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Copies available to all of us prior to meeting, Allyson shared readying the library for opening; the need for spending and having delivery of any new materials on site by end of fiscal year (July 1, 2021)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Have we advertised for film maker position to be funded by a grant?
EL commented on the continued need to seek and increase for technology support.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:53 PM
Next meeting by Zoom on June 10

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Melrose