

Topsham Public Library Board of Trustees
Annual Meeting of the Corporation
July 15, 2020
(Virtual Zoom Meeting)

Present: Anne Macri, Deborah O'Neil, Anne Eustis, Hahna Patterson, Diane Hender, Susan Preece, Patricia Vaughn, Helen Kincaid, Kelley Glidden, Joe Trafton, Irene Martin, Larry Fitch, Barbara Swiderski.

Absent: Jim Demosthenes, Owen Yabsira.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Diane Hender, President at 7:08 PM.
2. **Approval of Minutes of June 2019 Annual Meeting:** The Minutes of the Annual Meeting, June 19, 2019, were reviewed. Larry F. made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented, Anne Macri seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **President's Report:** Diane H. talked briefly about the Board's accomplishments over the past year and the development of the Long Range Plan for 2020-2025. She talked about how COVID-19 has seriously impacted non-profit funding, however, fundraising will continue, the Annual Report will go out in October and the Annual Appeal in November. She talked about the need to adjust as we go along, and stressed that the organization is strong.
4. **Bylaw revision:** Diane H. reviewed the amended bylaws. Larry F. made a motion to accept the amendments, Anne Macri seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **Election of Board Members:**
 - a. The Governance Committee and Board recommend the following candidate for terms ending in 2023:
(Term 1) Barbara Swiderski

Anne M. moved that the slate of candidates be accepted, Kelley G. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. The Governance Committee and Board recommends Owen Yabsira to a fourth term as a Student Trustee.

Anne E. moved that the slate of candidates be accepted, Anne M. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Slate of Board Officers for Fiscal Year 2021:

The Governance Committee recommends the following slate of officers.

- President: Diane Hender
- Vice President: Deb O'Neil
- Secretary: Anne Macri
- Treasurer: Irene Martin

7. Recognition of Trustees stepping off the Board: Gifts were given.

- a. Diane H. thanked Larry F. for 6 years of service and leadership as well as bringing professionalism to the group.
- b. Susan thanked Anne E. for her years of service and was given the honorary title of Trustee Emeritus. Anne E. is the second Board member to receive this title.
- c. Jim Demosthenes was not present.

8. Comments from the Trustees:

Larry F. said it has been a privilege to serve on the Board. He created strong relationships with the town, Board members, and library staff. He thanked all of the Board members for the work they have put in.

Anne E. talked about how the library helped her get acquainted when she moved to Topsham.

9. Comments from members of the public: A resident asked if the new budget is available. Susan P. responded that the town meeting has not

been held due to COVID-19, the budget will be done when the meeting is held.

Maine State Representative, Denise Tepler thanked everyone at the library and is pleased that the library serves as a community center.

8. Adjournment: On a motion by Larry F., seconded by Anne E., the meeting was adjourned, unanimously at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted