

Town of Granby  
Granby Library Board Meeting  
Minutes  
April 10, 2023

**Members present:** Judy Guarco, Chairman, Robert Donna, Vice-Chairperson, Kristal Fiorentino, Sandra Fischer, Pam Jones, , Ellen Thomson, Paul Willis

**Staff:** Rhonda Gilbert, Interim Director of Library Services

**Absent:** Hillary Peterson, Catherine Watso

**Guest:** Amber Wyzik

**Call to order:** A quorum was present and Chairman Guarco called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Review of Agenda:** No changes.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Correction to the February 13, 2023 Review and Approval of Minutes vote should be 6-0-1

On a motion by K. Fiorentino, seconded by E. Thomson, the Board voted (5-0-2) to approve the minutes of February 13, 2023.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Interim Director's Report**

**General**

- The Main Library's Winter hours have ended. The library is now open 10:00am - 8:00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. F.H. Cossitt Library's hours remain at 3:00pm – 7:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- The library budget was presented to the BOS on March 13, 2023 and the final budget will be presented today Monday, April 10. The interim director is not aware of any changes made to the submitted library budget.
- The Friends of the Granby Public Libraries, Inc. held a puzzle sale in March and made over \$800.00 in less than an hour!
- A part-time staff member resigned last week.
- Amber Wyzik has accepted the position of Director of Library Services. She is presently the School Media Specialist at Kelly Lane Primary School and has worked in the Avon Public Library. Her tentative start date is April 25.

**Grants**

- A second Pomeroy-Brace Fund Grant Application for \$28,000.00 has been submitted by The Friends of the Granby Public Libraries, Inc. These funds will be used to address the continued water damage-related problems on the South & West sides of the building. The installation/painting of the triangular window at Cossitt has been completed.

## **Programming**

- In both February & March there were over 600 attendees to the 33 & 34 in-person & Zoom programs
- Highlights included:
  - A children's dance party with a live DJ
  - Teens created their own one of kind DIY personalized Mugs
  - Acoustic Guitar music serenaded patrons on a Sunday afternoon
  - Mother Goose on the Loose stories & music
  - And a ukulele ensemble finale welcoming Spring with music from the 50s, 60s, & 70's. This program alone had 100 attendees!

## **Technology**

WiFi is strong at both locations, with 674 sessions in February and 739 sessions in March. The revamped Town of Granby Website went live today, April 10, 2023.

## **Collections/Circulation**

Unavailable at this time.

## **Liaisons Reports:**

FOGPL – A successful puzzle sale was held in March and a second Pomeroy-Brace Fund Grant Application for \$28,000.00 was submitted. The triangular window at Cossitt has been completed.

GLA – Continuing to look for ways to inform Granby residents who they are, what they do & how they help the Granby Libraries. Working on a new logo.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Chairman Gaurco introduced Amber Wyzik, who has accepted the position of Director of Library Services and new library board members E. Thomson & P. Willis, who spoke briefly about their backgrounds.

Chairman Gaurco solicited board members whether to keep the starting time of meetings at 6:00 p.m. On a motion by E. Thomson, seconded by P. Willis the Monday, May 8, 2023 meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Further discussion of meeting times is postponed until the next meeting.

## **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Granby Library Board will be Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Granby Public Library.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by P. Willis seconded by P. Jones, the Board voted 7/0/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rhonda Gilbert