

New Marlborough Town Library
Trustee Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order with Deb O'Brien, Library Director, Carrie Liba, Trustee Chair, Robin Tost, Trustee present.

The minutes from the November meeting were read and approved. There was no December meeting.

Tanya Haas from Berkshire Bank contacted the Library regarding the Goodness Trust. The three Trustees are new and so they need to register their information with the bank. Tanya also wants to set up a zoom meeting with the Friends of the Library and the Trustees to give an overview of the Trust accounts.

The Trustees met and have begun to work on the FY25 budget. We are unable to complete the process until Fin Com. and Selectboard set the salary increases. Mass General Law states the library must allocate 20% of the total Town appropriated money on materials. The Trustees are also requesting an increase of 115 hours to the Library Aides for coverage when the Director takes her vacation, sick and personal leave. Currently there is not enough to cover this.

Local artist Ann Getsinger offered drawing classes at the library which 9 people attended. Ann's art opening was well attended also. The library's next artist is Judith Secco and the opening will be on February 18 from 1-2:30.

The monthly trips to the library from New Marlborough Central School are going well and our half day programs are also going well and are well attended.

Next meeting: February 13, 2024, at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Robin Tost