New Marlborough Town Library Trustees Meeting September 14, 2023 4:00 PM

The meeting was called to order with Deb O'Brien, Library Director, Tom Masters and Robin Tost, Trustees, in attendance. The minutes from the last meeting were admired and approved.

Jaye Allison Moscariello is showing her paintings at the Library for the month of September. She will be followed in October by Robert Forte whose opening will be on Sunday, October 1.

Deb is planning to ask the Cultural Council for a grant to cover the costs of two possible author talks that she is planning.

The Town Report has been written and submitted by Carrie Liba, Chairperson of the Trustees. The State Aid report is done for this year.

After two years, the Library's windows have been cleaned. There's a noticeable difference!

The Library has had two pop-up fundraisers-- one in the late spring which sold tomato plants and one this month which sold bountiful bags of daffodil bulbs. They were both almost instant sell-outs and great successes. Deb will find out from the Friends how much money they made.

Sarah Reynolds North of Found Bread gave a baking class on making an apple galette at the Library.

The Friends of the Library met on September 16. They discussed the upcoming book sale which the Library will present on September 30. The Select Board has approved the closing of the stretch of road between the Library and Ormsbee's Garage for that day.

The Halloween party, given by the Library and the New Marlborough Land Trust will be held on October 28 at the Goodnow Preserve. In case of rain, it will move into the Meetinghouse.

Deb is planning two programs featuring authors talking about their books. The first one would be Brian Selznik and his editor, Tracy Mack, discussing his new book about nature and his process, notes and drawings. We would offer him a stipend and an overnight stay at the Inn on the Green. This price has yet to be determined, but Deb will discuss this with the Friends as well as requesting a grant from the Cultural Council. She has discussed the possibility of sharing this one with the Meetinghouse, but we are also thinking of doing it on our own if the Friends will agree to fund it. As we expect this