

Newmarket Public Library Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Approved

July 15, 2019 Meeting

Present: Trustees Joan DeYoreo, Mary Mahoney and Lisa Zhe, Library Director Carrie Gadbois.

Not present: Trustee Amy Nicholson

Special meeting - interview two prospective trustees -
Sarah Stinson
Alicia Sawtell

1. Ms. Sarah Stinson -

Trustee Mahoney explained the requirements of being a trustee per the NHLTA bylaws.

- Resident
- Knowledge of our community, its social and educational structure
- Commitment to the library's role in community
- Ability to work with others
- Collaborate with other government departments as needed
- Advocate for library

She also explained that trustees make policies, do not have any roles in personnel or operational issues.

Trustee DeYoreo said she became a trustee in 2000 and that we are the public face of the library.

Trustee Mahoney mentioned that we are working on two big projects - painting and pedestrian enhancements.

Sarah said her interest is personal and professional. She spoke of her library experience (currently employed at UNH as a librarian), she has a brick in the walkway and frequents the plant sales. She said she was not a patron due to health issues for her mother-in-law. But now that the situation is better, she has more time and would like to devote it to the library.

She started in technical services in Oregon, then interlibrary loan, and is now in digital collections at UNH.

Trustee Mahoney said our meetings are the fourth Monday of every month and that we would be speaking with one other candidate. The trustees will make a recommendation to the town council, who will make a decision.

Trustee DeYoreo said we do not always agree on every issue, but we work together.

Trustee Mahoney explained that even if you voted against a decision, in public must have a united front.

2. Mrs. Alicia Sawtell -

Trustee Mahoney reiterated the requirements of being a trustee.

Trustee DeYoreo said it is also our purview to save money when we can, such as having the town DPW paint part of the library.

Mrs. Sawtell explained that she grew up in Durham, has lived in town for 12 years. She and her husband own Seven Rivers Paddling, an outdoor enrichment program for kids. She is also a per diem doula. One of her favorite things to do is come to the library with her four kids. She volunteered doing storytime for a stint. She said she feels the library can make a difference for families and she would like to be a part of that.

Board members decided to look into having an alternate for the board. It was agreed that Trustee Mahoney will approach Town Manager Steve Fournier about having an alternate added to the board.

After further discussion,

Trustee Zhe made a motion to recommend the appointment of Sarah Stinson to the board with Alicia Sawtell as alternate, seconded by Trustee DeYoreo, unanimously approved.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, July 22nd at 4 p.m.