

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 25, 2021  
Secretary's Report

Present: Philip Casilio, Marjorie Franknecht, Michele Iannello-Ward, Carolyn Giambra  
Cynthia Selden, Jeffery Voelkl (4:18 pm), Penny Wolfgang ( 4:25 pm), Marilyn  
Feuerstein (4:25 pm)

Also Present: Roseanne Butler-Smith, Donna Kerr , Debbie Bucki

Guests- Cara Donahue ( Get Fresh Industries), Marc Bellacose ( Engineering-Town of Amherst),  
Michael Banks (DiDonato Associates), Roxanne Button ( Design Synergies Architects) ,  
Jeff Burroughs ( Engineering-Town of Amherst).

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:17 pm.

2) Approval of Minutes for May 11, 2021 meeting

Motion to approve by Phil Casilio, seconded by Michele Iannello-Ward. All in favor.

3) Approval of Agenda for May 11, 2021.

All in favor.

4) Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

5) Main Library at Audubon Expansion Project

A.)Choose colors and materials for project

Jeff Burroughs opened the discussion with dates for opening bids and reviewed exterior renovations. Michael Banks presented the exterior renderings with some recent changes to the brick façade and additional wood laminate over the current entry way. Bricks will be matched as closely as possible. Mr. Banks also noted some window changes, loss of a dividing wall in the Maker Room. Discussion ensued about having operable windows in the 2 offices and the study rooms in the Childrens' area. Ms. Butler-Smith requested operable windows in all the rooms mentioned . Also discussed was signage on the building to be determined at a later date. Mr. Banks noted the existing community room and the foyer will have matching finishes –same as the new addition.

Cara Donahue and Roxanne Button presented 2 color schemes- a gray and a tan with complementing pops of color in the carpeting, furniture ideas and wall coverings. The designers will present renditions of the interior design based on the chosen color scheme at a later date.

Board members voted 5-2 in favor of the gray color scheme and with the bold colors for accent colors.

6) Finances

A.) 2021 Budget

i.) County bills - Motion to approve by Michele Iannello-Ward, seconded by Marjorie Franknecht. All in favor. Check # 1798 approved for payment.

ii.) Williamsville bills – No checks at this time.

iii.) Other bills – Motion to approve by Michele Iannello-Ward, seconded by Marjorie Franknecht. All in favor. Check # 2577--2579 approved for payment.

B.) Town of Amherst Budget-nothing to report

C.) Banking Balances- nothing to report

7) New Business-

Nothing to report at this time.

8) President's Report

Nothing to report at this time.

9.) Trustees Report

Nothing to report at this time.

10.) Town of Amherst Council Member's Report

Ms. Bucki thanked Jeff Burroughs, Town Engineer and all involved in the expansion project for their hard work.

11.) Directors Report

A.) Program Equipment & Facility Improvement Initiative-2021

Referred to previously as the "Ken " grant- this grant of \$500,000 will be shared by many libraries. Applicants pay 25% while the grant covers 75% of a library's approved wish list. Ms. Butler-Smith has \$88,000 worth of items on her list such as a snowplow/tractor, new doors for Clearfield and so on. Ms. Butler-Smith needs Board approval for \$22,000 to be paid by Amherst Public Library as our part of the expenditures. Marjorie Francknecht motioned approval, Penny Wolfgang seconded it. All in favor.

Ms. Butler-Smith announced all Board meetings will be at Audubon Library for the foreseeable future.

12.) GALA

A.) Basket Raffle- August 2021. Baskets needed!! Ms. Butler-Smith thanked Trustees who already contributed.

13.) Buildings

Ms. Butler-Smith announced meeting rooms will be available to the public with limitations. Also this summer the Library will work with Amherst parks and recreation to offer programs.

14.) Unfinished Business

Nothing to report at this time.

15.) Correspondence

Nothing to report at this time.

16.) Next meeting:

\* June 23<sup>rd</sup> at **Audubon Library** at 4:15 pm.

\*No meeting in July

17.) Adjournment- 5:34 pm- Motion to adjourn by Michele Iannello-Ward, seconded by Philip Casilio . All in favor.