

Jaffrey Public Library Board of Trustees

Public Hearing Minutes

Date: October 6, 2020

Time: 10:00 am

Chair: John Stone

Present: Emily Carr, Deb Weissman, Owen Houghton, John Stone, Julie Perrin (Library Director)

Absent: Grace Flesher, Jaime Hutchinson, Jim Draper (alternate)

Meetings are open to the public except as allowed under RSA 91-A:3.

If requested, the meeting may become a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) personnel; (b) hiring of any person as an employee; (c) matters which, if discussed publicly, would affect adversely the reputation of any person; (d) consideration of acquisition, sale, or lease of property; (e) consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation.

Call to Order: 10:04 am

Read by Julie Perrin:

On behalf of the Chair of the Jaffrey Public Library Board of Trustees, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone number 1-646-558-8656, entering Meeting ID: 839 6160 0435 Passcode: 252399, or by clicking on the following website address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83961600435> and entering passcode 252399.

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the Jaffrey Public Library at www.jaffreypubliclibrary.org

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:

If anybody has a problem, please email jperrin@townofjaffrey.com.

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that **all votes** that are taken during this meeting shall be done by **roll call vote**. Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Roll Call

John Stone No other person in the room
Deb Weissman No other person in the room
Emily Carr No other person in the room
Owen Houghton No other person in the room

As two of the regular Trustees were absent, Chairman John Stone appointed Alternate Trustee Owen Houghton as a voting member of the Board for this meeting.

Julie Perrin, Library Director, announced the Jaffrey Public Library had been awarded a STEAM LEARNING GRANT from MilliporeSigma in the amount of \$20,000 for 2021. The purpose of the grant is to continue our STEAM Learning program, including for kits and if possible, in-person programs for 2021. In addition to general science education, the 2021 focus will be on health literacy. The trustees must vote to approve the receipt of these funds.

There were no questions from the public. Emily Carr shared her appreciation for MilliporeSigma's generosity. Owen Houghton said that MilliporeSigma and the town work together to foster good relationships, and have recently negotiated a long term water contract.

Motion to Accept Grant Funds made by Houghton/seconded by Carr

Roll Call

Deb Weissman AYE
Emily Carr AYE
Owen Houghton AYE
John Stone AYE

MOTION: passed

Motion to Adjourn: made by Weissman/seconded by Carr

Roll Call

Deb Weissman AYE
Emily Carr AYE
Owen Houghton AYE
John Stone AYE

Meeting adjourned: 10:10 am. Minutes recorded by Deb Weissman