

When: 6:30p, Monday, September 26, 2022 / Where: Turners Falls Senior Center

Attendees: David Harmon, Gretchen Wetherby, Lillian Moss, Lydia Ievins, Margot Malachowski, Nancy Crowell, Polly Billiel, Will Quale / Library Director: Caitlin Kelley / Absent: Tricia Perham

6:34 Call to order.

6:35 Minutes from 8/29/22 approved as amended.

Director's Report.

- Newsletter gaining traction? Yes, 200+ on email list. Print + online is useful.
- Canal walk had great turnout, history programming attractive to adults.
- Future collab with Discovery Center + RiverCulture on Smithsonian.

6:40 Discussion, Millers food pantry

- One bag of groceries per person, same every month.
- Annie at Farmers Market connected us with a free fridge program, will investigate.
- Move food pantry to rear seating area, soft seating up front, freezer downstairs.
- Northfield library has a food pantry, paid employee to run it, own 501(c)3.

6:51 Children's Report — program stats

6:52 Special Services — Mission/vision statement = Strategic plan

- Aiming to put together postcard to share with community.
- Are local history docs our wheelhouse? We do get a lot of questions from our public.

7:08 Building and Maintenance — working on setting up mid-October meeting date.

Personnel — nothing to report; may resume in January after budget cycle.

Budget — will schedule subcommittee meeting in mid-October.

Secretary's report — all well.

Friends — no book sale last month. Still looking for fall festival volunteers, afternoon.

- Adding book sale (or free?) shelf on main floor, accessible; separate finances for Friends.

7:27 Discussion, window cleaning — prefer hand-cleaning, pay the higher bid for that if needed.

Items not anticipated — Montague Center authors evenings well attended, 25–30

Upcoming meetings:

Budget — Wed 10/12, 5:30p, Senior Center

Special Services — Tue 10/18, 5p, Millers Library

Building — Wed 10/19, 3p, Montague Center Library

Full Board — Mon 10/24, 6:30p, Senior Center

7:37 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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