

## **BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING**

January 28, 2021  
(meeting via ZOOM)

**PRESENT:** Jeanne Cianciola, Chairperson  
Emily Blampied, Secretary  
Virginia Johnson, Library Director  
Elaine Shea, Treasurer (not present)

**Call to Order/Public Comments/Reports:** The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by the chairperson; there were no public comments. The November secretary's report (a draft of which had been distributed) was discussed and unanimously approved with no corrections noted. The director's report detailed the approval of the Hanover Municipal Employees League contract requiring calculation of pay adjustments, meetings with the MBLC and the OCLN, and regularly scheduled meetings with other Hanover department heads. Other responsibilities required to maintain the library were included.

### **New Business:**

- A. One full time library position has been eliminated due to budget constraints.
- B. Hanover is one of six communities in the state whose budget cut for the library exceeded 10%, requiring an application to the MBLC for a State Aid waiver. Two of those towns managed to appropriate additional funding. On Thursday, February 4, 2021, the four at-risk towns must appear before the MBLC and present waiver petitions. Hanover will be represented by Virginia Johnson, library director, Jeanne Cianciola, trustee chairperson, Joseph Colangelo, town manager, and Chelsea Stevens, finance director/town accountant.
- C. The MBLC will vote on the waiver petitions at their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2021, deciding if a waiver will be granted and if certification will continue.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 4 p.m.

Emily Blampied  
Secretary

Documents shared:  
BOLT agenda 1/28/2021  
Director's report