

Friends of the Clinton Community Library
Minutes of Meeting – August 30, 2021

The Friends met via Zoom on Monday, August 30, 2021, at 4:30 pm.

Friends Chair Nancy Drago, Trustee Sue Ellen Fairbanks and Director Carol Bancroft described the Election Day Raffle and the related Roles and Responsibilities with which the Friends can assist (see attached meeting agenda). The first step is to solicit donations, which should begin in September and conclude two weeks before Election Day. Raffle ticket sales will begin one week before Election Day. Donations should be solicited in person, based on a letter from the Library.

At this point the Secretary left the meeting. [The attached agenda shows the matters covered during the remainder of the meeting.]

We will need to get a number of Friends on board to help with the solicitations. Nancy will be sending out more details about that shortly. The solicitation letter will be finalized by Carol/Johanna.

Johanna Whitton, President of the Board, gave a brief history and summary of the Town Board/Library Lease situation. The Library currently pays \$1/month and they have increased this amount to \$150/month for a “utility offset”. There is wording in the old lease (we are currently on a month to month lease) which is being reviewed by several attorneys. Johanna welcomes members of the community to attend the next Town Board meeting to show their support in resolving this in an appropriate manner (Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 in the Town Hall). [As an aside – when the Town Hall was built, the Library space was donated back to the Library]

There was a discussion about the gardens that Rise Cross has been maintaining. It was suggested that we contact the Clinton Garden club to see if they would like to join forces with some Friends to help with that. [Rise and I (Nancy) have since talked about the approach; I have suggested that we meet in mid-September to tour the current gardens to see her vision first hand.]

Kim Lewis, member of the Library Board, gave an appeal for new Trustees. Several vacancies are opening up soon. This is an opportunity to be involved in the Library and have a hand in supporting and growing their mission.

Nancy Drago, Friends Chair

Zachary Snow, Secretary

In Attendance: Carol Bancroft, Johanna Whitton, Nancy Drago, Sue Ellen Fairbanks, Kim Lewis, Barney Calame, Zachary Snow, Pamela Lovinger, Andrea Landes, Ray Rivard, Betty Rondriguez, Debbie Bennett, Nancy Drago, Eliot Werner.