

Friends of the Clinton Community Library  
Minutes of Meeting – March 28, 2022

The Friends met via Zoom on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 4 pm. There were twelve people in attendance, including four trustees. Nancy Drago, Friends Chairperson, led the meeting.

Board Chair Johanna Whitton explained that the Library Budget will be on the general election ballot this year, for the first time since 2017. The Board has decided to request a taxpayer contribution of \$149,500, which is anticipated to equate to approximately \$77 per year for a property with an average property tax valuation. She asked the Friends to help support the Budget vote in various ways, including advocacy with neighbors, staffing tables at library events and at the transfer station, and collecting signatures for the petition required to place the proposition on the ballot. She noted that the 2017 proposition was endorsed by nearly two-thirds of the town voters, and that support for the library appears to be higher than ever. The Friends discussed messaging issues that may arise during the Budget campaign, and Johanna indicated that she will distribute for comment a draft of the FAQs that are being drafted by the Board. The petition drive will be conducted in May and June, so that the paperwork can be submitted by mid-July.

Kim Lewis reviewed the status of preparations for the annual book and plant sale, which will be held May 19-22. Book donations are accepted Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings. High school students continue to move the books downstairs on Saturdays. Flyers are available at the library. Sign-up sheets for sorting will be available by mid-April. Boxes are needed, but must be sufficiently shallow that book titles on the spines can be seen. Gardeners should be reminded to prepare their plants in pots, with labels. Road signs will be available one to two weeks before the sale.

The Friends Group tote bags are ready to be stuffed with the material gathered for new residents, and a list of intended recipients is being compiled. Volunteers are needed to assist with both stuffing and delivery.

The next meeting of the Friends will be held on Monday, April 25, at 4 pm, in person. Friends are encouraged to bring their friends and neighbors to the meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Whereupon, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Zachary Snow, Secretary