

## Meeting Notes from January Special Meeting

Call to order: Ms. Holliman opened the special meeting at 4:00 pm.

Attendance: Present were Chair Rebecca Holliman and Board Members Claire Fazzina and Loni Hryn.

### Director's Report

Correspondence: the Bolton Greater Together Community Fund granted an initial award to the library in the amount of \$4,527.68. It now goes to the Hartford Foundation for final approval.

Statistics: The library is experiencing very high activity on downloadable items. The attendance at library programs has been very good.

Holidays: Town workers put red and green spotlights on the front of the library during the holidays. The library participated in the Bolton Congregational Church Festival of Trees with a tree featuring the map of Connecticut towns in which holiday movies have been made. Congratulations to library staff on the festive and original Christmas tree!

The library collected 14 handmade blankets, as well as hats and socks, which were donated to the Rockville shelter. We are grateful to all those who contributed their time and skills to this collection.

Programs: The library hosted a blood pressure screening for EHHD. Twenty-one people attended the "Read to the Dogs" program. The workshop on making lotus lanterns was very popular, as was the traditional Pajama Storytime for little ones.

Mark Nystrom is conducting classes for patrons on computer use and other library skills. These sessions are individually tailored to patron needs and are very much appreciated.

Bibliomation will make a site visit to the library on February 25 at 2:00 pm.

Downloadable museum tickets are no longer available, due to the vendor going out of business. Bibliomation is conducting research on a replacement vendor. Meanwhile, museum passes can still be checked out at the library.

Ms. Thornton attended a convention for the CT Conference of Municipalities.

The library budget will be the same as last year's budget. The Board of Finance has reinstated a line item for furniture and fixtures.

The library is selling 2025 Calendars on behalf of the Hop River Trail Alliance and the Bolton Conservation Commission.

Friends of the Library meet every two months. They conduct ongoing book sales, run the library coffee station, and pay for some library programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Loni Hryn

Bentley Memorial Library Board Vice Chair