

VIA Monthly Membership Meeting 7:30 pm July, 12, 2022 , In person at EBH Library and via Zoom - MINUTES
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Item	Who	Notes	Follow-up
Annual Meeting 2022 Minutes	C.Page	Minutes reviewed and corrected. Will be reviewed again at Annual Meeting 2023	Kate will correct and post.
Treasurer’s Report	J.Bourgault	Report reviewed, approved as presented. Treasurer not present.	.
Library Liaison	L.Moulton	<p>Here are the highlights of our year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of events: 13 ➤ Approximate attendance at events: 440+ ➤ Number of library visits: well over 1,000 ➤ Number of Volunteer hours for maintaining services and supporting programs: over 800 ➤ With only a few exceptions due to weather or holidays, the library was open at least 12 hours every week throughout the year, providing programs and services to all members of the public. ➤ We appreciate the use of Founders Hall for two events and the park for one other, the Flash in the Pans program; thank you VIA <p>Also of note is that the Board of Trustees remains unchanged because none of the current members had expiring terms. Therefore, no election was held.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The Trustees have an outstanding item as it relates to the VIA. A summary of the open issue is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 4 the library trustees received an email communication from the VIA asking if the Library was interested in partnering to split the costs 50-50 of “a reliable water supply and septic system” to serve both the Post Office building and the Library. • In late March, in order to meet April 12th VIA meeting goal, the library trustees held a special meeting and discussed the options presented by the VIA, and decided not to partner with the VIA at this time. (We have concerns about relying on a private 501(c)(3) organization for perpetual water and septage rights given our mission as a public organization, among other reasons.) • On April 2, the library trustees formally replied to the VIA over email (specifically to the 	

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		<p>VIA officers and the Chairman of the Post Office Repurposing Committee) with our decision. This was the cover: [Thank you for sending us the EBHVIA’s proposal of a partnership with the EBHLA regarding the future of the village center. We recognize that the fate of the post office property is an important issue for both organizations and to the community at large. As such, we would suggest that more broad community input is needed before any major decisions are made.</p> <p>Please see the attached document for a detailed response to the EBHVIA proposal. We are interested in hearing your thoughts about this possible course of action.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In our response the library trustees asked whether the VIA would ever consider donating or selling the post office building and property to the Library. • To date, we have received no response to our April inquiry. We would like to know if donation of the post office property is a possibility, as it would help the Library during its strategic planning process this fall. • To be clear, there is not agreement among the library trustees as to whether the Library would be willing to take on the post office property. We simply want to know whether it is a realistic option that we should consider. That is why we asked the VIA for its response back in April, and that is why we included Question 9 on the survey sent to our mailing list, to see what the community thought about the idea. • We continue to hope we will hear from the VIA soon regarding this question. <p>The record of the written communications between the VIA and the Library is available on our website under the April minutes. (https://www.eastbluehillpubliclibrary.org/ebhla-meeting-</p>
COMMITTEE REPORTS		
Ramp Committee	A.Haley	<p>No Report – Income from Ramp Fees has increased EBHVIA income stream! Amanda is still asking for an interested person to replace her</p> <p>If interested in volunteering for RAMP CZAR – please contact EBHVIA</p>
Park Committee	H.Wescott P.Norris	<p>Playground equipment oiled? – Not yet Ruts filled in? Phil did this Summer House floor repair? _ Still needed</p> <p>Kate will write a Thank You note to Reuters I THOUGHT LAURI YNTEMA WAS TO DO TYN’S</p>

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		<p>Thanks to Kate Reuter for replanting bridge planters after drought!</p> <p>Thanks for Jim Reuter for cutting down hard-to-mow weeks at end of Ramp driveway!</p>	
Tree Committee	P.Norris	\$ Evergreen trees donated by Gadsby family are ready to be transplanted to Park	<p>Thank you Gadsby Family!</p> <p>Phil and Clifton will plant trees</p>
Founders Hall	K.Milliken C.Page P.Norris	<p>~Bell Tower Restoration update: Clifton is still working on application for Maine State Steeple Fund, and Feels that they are very positive.</p> <p>~Events _ no events to report</p> <p>~Painting- still needed</p> <p>~Shed – ready to open shed to community room/kitchen!</p> <p>~Internet – committee researched 2 options with Pros and cons of both Fidium and Starlink. Fidium not yet available, Starlink proven effective but expensive.</p> <p><i>Motion: To pursue and purchase Starlink Internet, to be installed at Founder’s Hall. Motion Passed 8-6.</i></p>	<p>Clifton will continue to work on application</p> <p>Clifton will follow up with Sergei regarding painting exterior</p> <p>Thanks for the Internet Committee for their research!</p> <p>EBHVIA will review motion, if approved by board, committee will pursue purchase. Will also put Founders Hall on Fidium list for future installation.</p>
Post Office Committee	R.Jennings J.Milliken C.Pocock K.Robinson H.Westcott	<p>Recommendations from C. Closs on interior alterations reviewed.</p> <p>Proposal to donate Post Office Property to EBH Library discussed. Ideas for septic and well in partnership with Library discussed (see Library report)</p> <p><i>~Motion to form a village task force to explore all options for water and septic for village, inviting members of EBH Library board to participate. Motion passed with 3 opposed.</i></p>	<p>Committee will meet to discuss plans for alterations.</p> <p>Task force needs to be established. When formed, EBH Library will be invited to participate.</p>

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		~Motion for EBHVIA to dig a well in the park. Motion FAILED.	
Membership Committee	J.Milliken	No report	THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT THIS POINT DUE TO THE LATE HOUR
Fund Raising Committee	K.Milliken H.Wescott	~Moving Bottle Shed to Park, by Post Office: Will be addressed in October. ~Stock Option: Will be addressed in October.	
Events Committee	C.Heaton K.Milliken H.Westcott	No report	
Communications Committee	P.Norris K.Robinson C.Heaton R.Neblett	No report	
OLD BUSINESS			
ByLaw Changes	C.Page	Dates for Special Meeting (s) to discuss bylaw changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clarification of wording for membership deadlines ● Inclusion of non-resident members These items not addressed	
NEW BUSINESS – No new business			