

Hooper Board Meeting

February 7, 2023

Zoom

Present: Emma Kobeski, Becky Whippie, Sue Nadeau, Seth Andrews, Helen Dalbeck, Liz Collinsworth, Becky Sethi, Amy Owens, Peggy Pschirrer, Will Grossman, Brad Nash, Steve Delassio

Joni Cormier calls meeting to order: 7:07pm

Board Update:

Potential New members: Will Grossman and Brad Nash attended the meeting to learn about the Board. Continuing to try to recruit new board members, goal is for 9 members in total.

Secretaries report from December meeting was reviewed- Liz motioned to approve the minutes, Seth seconds the motion, all in favor

Meeting notes were reviewed by Sue Nadeau- accepted by board

Amy reviews treasurer update-

\$1,500 dollar in deposits, \$1.05 in interest

\$2,1000 in scholarship

Trust earned a little over \$91,000

\$15,2208.18 = total of \$153,915.06

Balance of the most recent statement- \$15159.21 in the hooper checking account

Debit Card is available - board needs to approve that

Liz makes a motion to remove Holly Gowdy and Karen Galloway from the account and to add Helen Dalbeck, Sue Nadeau and Joni Cormier added to the account- Emma seconds the motion. The board voted all in favor, the motion passes.

Seth motions to approve to accept the Treasurer's report from December and January- Emma Seconds- all in favor

Helen reviews Directors report:

- Education report
- Town report
- The town library has invited Hooper Institute to the Big Read
- Planning prep for high school program- Helen has a plan for some more success
- CSA starting
- Garden Assistant program
- Development in fundraising 2022- \$72,712
- Special events-
 - Winter Fun Day
 - PTG donated duct tape

FOHI update- Becky reviews the updates

- Fundraiser with Jackie Casserta- Dahlia Sale or Dahlia Days

- Need help with signs and marketing, potting and label making
- Checking- \$7,380.00 balance
- Savings- \$34,579.00 balance

Scholarship update-

Finished payments on the 2nd semester awards

Next month- the high school is changing their scholarship process- Liz notes we are sticking with the original process of following the Hooper Criteria

Liz's term on the scholarship committee will be complete in March-anyone who is interested in being on the scholarship committee you would need to write a letter of intent to the selectman- New member would be after town meeting in March

Conservation Committee Update-

Hooper Forest logging has started- they are concerned about the weather and the impact on the logging

Old Business-

2023 Budget revisions reviewed

Total proposed- \$153,514

Amy motions to approve the budget, Liz seconds the motion- all in favor- motion passed

Total return policy reviewed by Peggy Pschirrer-

January 27th trustees of trust funds- January 1, 2023 Hooper Trust education and scholarship has been moved to the trustees of trust funds total return policy. Total return policy is meant to grow the trust. The trustees agreed to pay out 3% quarterly- 122,649.80 for the year. Trustees denied paying out the total funds. \$30864.20 quarterly and the bills will be paid out of that amount of money. Peggy notes that this is a start and on the right track. It is a court ordered policy and fully supported by the trustees of trust funds.

Winter fun day-

This Saturday February 11, 2023

Review of volunteers

Staff update- Becky Whippie is retiring by mid- July 2023

School district discussion with Hooper connection

Helen reminded new members attending to write their letter of intent to the Trustees and the Select Board asap. Sue added what that entails.

Liz asked Will and Brad to introduce themselves to the Board. Both shared a bio.

Next meeting is March 7, 2023

Meeting adjourns: 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Emma Kobeski, Secretary