

Amesbury Public Library Board of Trustees
Joint meeting Library Board of Trustees with City Council
City Hall Auditorium, 62 Friend Street
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
7:00 PM

Members present: Anne Campbell (AC), Brenda Rich (BR), Bethany Sullivan (BS), Delia Rinaldi (DR), Gail Browne (GB), Laurie Cameron (LC), Michelle Lamott (ML), Nicole Harry (NH)

I. Amesbury Library Board of Trustees Call to order By Chair Laurie Cameron at 7:10 p.m.

II. Library Board of Trustees vacancy – vote to fill one vacancy:

Candidates: Henry J. Sullivan, Sarah Moser, Sarah Downs, Rachel Eeva Wood

Laurie Cameron nominates all four, City Councilor Scott Mandeville seconds

A. Henry Sullivan – not present

B. Sarah Moser – not present

C. Sarah Downs – Works as a school librarian in Andover, has 9 years of experience at the elementary school and middle school levels. Also serves as a digital learning coach, teaching students and teachers about technology. Previously worked in journalism for 10 years. Has lived in Amesbury about 4 years. Originally from Newburyport. Wants to get more involved in town.

In response to question from Trustees, Sarah says helping to raise awareness with residents about the library and everything it has to offer is most important issue.

D. Rachel Eeva Wood – Has lived in Amesbury about 1 year. Has a longtime love of libraries. Previously lived in Somerville. Has a background in children's publishing. Worked as a graphic designer at Candlewick Press for about 7 years. Currently works as a freelance graphic designer. Also has experience as a literacy tutor. Visits the library regularly, as workspace and for children's programming. Feels it's important for libraries to balance embracing new technology and being accessible. Thinks Amesbury Library does a lot with a small space, and is impressed by the variety of community activities.

In response to question from Trustees, Rachel say she agrees that the challenge of raising awareness of all that the library has to offer is the most important issue.

City Councilor Adrienne Lennon asked a question clarifying which publishing company Rachel worked at Candlewick Press.

E. Vote: Need 2 candidate with at least 9 votes:

- 10 votes for Sara Downs
- 5 votes for Rachel Eeva Wood

- 1 for Sarah Moser

Sarah Downs is voted to fill the vacancy.

III. Adjourn: Laurie adjourns joint meeting at 7:24 pm