

**Meeting of the Jones Library PPP Committee  
May 7, 2021; Virtual Zoom meeting**

Members Present: President Austin Sarat, Chris Hoffmann, Chair of the PPP  
Also Present: Sharon Sharry (Director), Cyndi Harbeson (Staff), George Hicks  
(Staff), members of the public via Zoom

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The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### **Library Reopening Plan**

Cyndi reported on the *Phased Resumption of Services to the Public* plan developed by the staff. The committee found the plan comprehensive and well thought out. There was clearly an incredible amount of work put into it. The committee had some concerns about putting the staff at the frontline of confronting patrons who ignore the rules. Sharon reported that department heads will be prepared to step up and help if someone is uncooperative. There was also a question of whether volunteers will be required to be vaccinated as well as staff. As they are not town employees this would be very hard to do. The committee unanimously recommended that the full board approve the plan.

### **Deaccessions**

Cyndi also presented a report of items that are in the Fine Arts Collection but for one reason or another did not meet the Artwork Policy approved by the Board. For instance, they had no provenance or connection to Amherst and often were in very poor condition. The report included an assessment by a museum consultant of the value of the items and recommendations on their disposal (e.g., transferred to more appropriate institution, consigned to public auction, discarded).

The PPP recommended that a committee be set up that includes local experts to review this list and confirm that they do not meet the requirements of the *Artwork Policy*.

### **Director Six Month Evaluation**

As called for by the Board's evaluation procedure, the PPP held an informal mid-year discussion with the Director about her progress on her goals for the year. It was agreed she was making satisfactory progress on each. There was question as to whether the Equity Collaborative Group would create metrics to evaluate the progress the Director has made on implementing its recommendations. Sharon replied that at this stage the group was still discussing what its goals should. Once that is done creating metrics would be appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hoffmann