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EAST HADDAM LIBRARY SYSTEM – Governance Committee

September 9, 2026 – 9:00 am

EHFPL Library

Attendees: Shea Jezek, Kerry McRae, Juliana Tryon Ranaudo

Also Present: Evelyn Morgan

1. The meeting was called to order at 9am.

2. The August 10th Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Unfinished Business

a) Orientation Process – The new orientation process is in progress.

b) New Library Exploratory Committee – The committee met with Planning and Zoning to loop them into the process at an early stage.

c) Director's Review – The primary takeaways are:

* A wish for more events to be posted in the local paper

* There is not enough grant writing, but this is a result of insufficient staffing that requires the director to focus on day-to-day operations rather than grant writing

* The Board would like more educational opportunities

d) Board Self Evaluation

* There is a wish for additional educational opportunities.

* The Board will seek to better understand and be able to explain the library budget to the general public

* Board members are encouraged to review the mission statement and strategic plan, which are found on the library website

* There was a proposal to have an education presentation for the Board in the coming months. Evelyn will talk to M.Sullivan.

e) Public Relations and Media Policy – The policy will be voted on at the upcoming Board meeting.

4. New Business

a) Donation Policy – We are pending an update from the First Selectman, who was checking in with other local towns who have a similar situation.

b) East Haddam received 13 laptops from the state. We will keep 2 for short term lending. The library may keep a few more for longer loans.

The remaining laptops will be given out for 5-year loans. Evelyn will check with Youth and Family Services to see if they can collaborate on facilitating the distribution.

5. There was no Audience of Citizens.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04