

Leverett Board of Trustees Mask Policy Meeting March 29 at 7:00

Attending: Lisa Werner, Elaine Barker, Chris Condit, Joan Godsey, Georgie Schmid, Hannah Paessel

This meeting was initiated by library director Hannah Paessel in response to the Leverett Board of Health's decision on March 22, 2022 to lift the mask mandates for all town owned buildings.

Hannah had polled the library staff and volunteers. The staff members felt comfortable either way; some volunteers were ready to abandon mask wearing while others wished to continue. Polling among parents of young children revealed some parents wanted to continue mask wearing and others delighted to take them off.

Masks are still required at the Leverett Elementary School by order of the School Committee.

Hannah explained that the local colleges are no longer providing community testing. She had researched other small libraries in our area: 5 of these were still requiring masks and 2 were not: Pelham and Hatfield. Hannah noted that this information was 2 weeks old and may have changed.

Trustees wanted to recognize the BOH's decision, but still encourage mask use as a protective measure for the most vulnerable of our patrons.

Lisa called for a motion:

I move that we adopt the BOH recommendation to drop the masking requirement and that Hannah make a sign saying that masks are encouraged but not require.

Chris seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Chris asked Hannah to forward energy use records from the past years. He explained that the Community Preservation Committee had voted not to fund the pavilion which would have provided solar collectors for the library. Hannah will send out this information.

Chris moved the motion to adjourn, Joan seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully,

Joan Godsey