The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Nancy Baker, Chair. In attendance were Nancy Baker, Steve Mantius, Bill Cassidy, Liz Larson, Kim Ayers, Gretchen Pyles, Ted Krantz and Library Director Amy Lapointe.

Don Holden is seeking community support for renovations for the Congregational Church of Amherst. ACC has received $500K in pledges towards the $850K renovations which include fire suppression systems, fire alarm system, window restoration, & electrical work. The group is also applying for grants, including one from the Bertha Rogers Trust Fund. As part of this particular application the ACC is seeking letters of support from the community. Library sees the Meetinghouse as a community partner and use the Meetinghouse for our annual book sale and summer ice cream social; town is donating their portion based on square footage of steeple/clock tower; Nancy will draft a letter. Gretchen Pyles moves and Steve Mantius seconds writing a letter in support of church

**Approval of March Minutes:** Kim Ayers moved to approve the March 18, 2019 minutes as amended; Nancy Baker seconded; the motion unanimously passed.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

**Statistics:** The statistics were reviewed; Amy is working on comparative statistics with other GMILCS libraries.

Reviewed statistics in comparison to other GMILCS libraries. Very hard to compare apples to apples between libraries. Most experiencing dip in circulation. DVD circulation declining.

**Programming:** The slate of programs was reviewed including: Tomorrow is travel photography, Wednesday is evening with Walt Whitman, Thursday is the second part of Mary Oliver series focused on book making, next two Tuesdays are Nancy Baker art talks, Sunday April 28th is last winter concert celebrating Duke Ellington, Monday May 1st Parks of the East Coast, May 15th “Adding Life to Your Years.” Monday April 29th is quarterly report to BOS.

Friends Trivia Night was a success. Want to see literature category next year.

**Children’s Programs:** Peeps show a big success. Student Art Show coming May. School vacation week has a full slate of programming that looks awesome! Universe of Stories is theme for summer reading.

**Library Hours:** Library closed for Easter on the 21st.

**Personnel:** The library is advertising for new page positions. Jane Pollio is back!

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The reports were reviewed by Steve. Nothing new to discuss.
Elisabeth Larson made a motion to spend up to $300 on a permanent gift in memory of Helen Rowe. Gretchen Pyles seconded, unanimously approved.

Steve Mantius moved to adjourn; Bill Cassidy seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Larson, Secretary

Next scheduled meeting: Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Amherst Town Library.