

CHAPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
Poet Laureate Ad Hoc Special Meeting
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2021

1. Chairperson Adele Swart called meeting to order at 2:12 pm
2. Additional members present were Jeanette Haines and Diane Cox.
3. Minutes of April 17 meeting were approved
4. Audience for citizens: none
5. New Business

Committee received all requested re-submissions by May 14 deadline. To protect the privacy of all applicants, each committee member reviewed the 3 semi-finalist poems in advance of the meeting. Each poem was scored based on the rubric which gave extra weight to Chaplin residents.

At the meeting, each poem was given a final score which reflected the input from each individual committee member. (Names of applicants were not known by the committee until final tally was completed.)

The poet who had submitted the poem with the highest score was named Poet Laureate. Because of the high quality of all submissions, the committee recommended that the poet who sent in the second place poem should be recognized with an Honorable Mention.

The committee will present the findings at the full Board of Trustees meeting later in the day.

6. Work of Ad-Hoc Committee is concluded. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.