

Weathersfield Proctor Library Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM
5181 Rte. 5 Ascutney, VT

Approved:

Attendance Trustees: Chair-Rick Bates, Vice Chair-Rika Henderson (via ZOOM), Secretary-Anne Parent (via ZOOM), John Waite (absent), Mavis Ellingwood
Library Director (LD)-Mark Richardson

Call Trustee Meeting to Order-7:06 p.m

- I. Consent Calendar - *The consent calendar consists of items that are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in the form of one motion. Any item can be removed from the consent calendar and heard in its regular order at the request of any Library Trustee or Citizen.*
 - A. Mavis made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/15/2022. Rika seconded and all voted in favor.
 - B. Due to 2 trustees being on ZOOM and 1 absent, the warrant dated 01.19.2023 was not approved. Rika or Anne to stop to sign the warrant in person.

- II. Comments from Citizens on Topics not on the Agenda: None

- III. Library Director's Report: Library staff are selecting Vermont Humanities Council speaker options for the year. Potential options range from Japanese boat building/history of the boat in Vermont to Horses in Vermont. Future library events include the next Friends Meeting (01.31.2023), Friends Fondue party (02.11.2023), Friends are provided crock pot lunch at Town Meeting. LD Mark has been asked to judge a little free library contest at the school. The Weston, VT library leadership has been in touch to visit the library as they are working on a possible construction project.

- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Astronomy Programming and Infrastructure: Rick shared a powerpoint presentation regarding a SoverA observatory that WPL can utilize as library programming. This is an opportunity for great town collaboration with Parks & Recreation and hopefully the Weathersfield School. Rick has scouted two

potential sites at Hoisington Field (shed site or rise behind school house). Rick to provide updates as warranted.

- b. Election status for upcoming Trustee opening - Anne's term is not up until 2025. All set.
- c. Fundraising Committee Update - Rika reported on Town Challenge planning. Everything is coming together and the Library will need a team. Glenna to definitely be asked. There will be 3 door prizes and an opportunity for teams to raise money for themselves.
- d. Seeds - Chair Rick reached out to his seed contact and we may not be able to get the same supply as in years past. We will get an update at the next meeting.

Old Business

- A. Library Budget Update: Rika made a motion to approve the Weathersfield Proctor Library Budget as presented. Mavis seconded and discussion followed. Rick reports that the WPL budget is in line with the town % increase. All voted in favor.

B. A. BYLAWS Third Public Meeting

Rick shared that according to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT), there are no term limits imposed unless the Town Charter includes them (correspondence attached). Rick to do more research into town articles in the next year so see if an article should be proposed for the 2024 Town Meeting.

Rika made a motion to accept the proposed wording as presented:

Section 2: Composition and Tenure

The Board of Trustees (Board) shall consist of five members who shall each serve a three year term.

Trustees shall be elected at the annual Town Meeting.

Mavis seconded and discussion followed. Vote was called and all voted in favor.

Adjourn: Mavis made a motion to end the meeting at 7:47 pm. Anne seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Submitted by Anne Parent

WPL Board of Trustees Secretary
January 23, 2023