

**Weathersfield Proctor Library Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

**5181 Rte. 5 Ascutney, VT**

**Approved: July 18, 2024**

Attendance Trustees: Chair-Mavis Ellingwood, Vice Chair-John Waite ,

Secretary-Anne Parent, Alicia Jenks, Rick Bates

Library Director (LD)-Mark Richardson

Guest: Ernie Shand

Call Trustee Meeting to Order-7:01 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. Review Minutes from Previous Meeting(s). Shall the trustees approve the meeting minutes for the April 18, 2024 meeting? Rick made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2024 meeting. John seconded and all voted in favor.
  - B. Rick made a motion to approve WPL expenditures dated 05/16/2024 subject to each Trustee's review and signature. Alicia seconded. All voted in favor.
- II. Comments from Citizens on Topics not on the Agenda: None
- III. New Business
  - A. Library Director's Report: LD Mark and Ellen Clattenburg uploaded 1,009 (!!!!) records into FamilySearch. This service is free and allows for better ease of research. LD Mark applied to receive 25 copies of Gather by Kenneth M. Cadow from VT Reads. Kenneth Cadow is a VT schoolteacher who wrote this novel during the pandemic. The VT State Librarian signed our \$300 reading grant and Bloomsday is scheduled for Sunday, June 16th.
  - B. Vermont 250: John W, Ellen Clattenburg (Weathersfield Historical Society) and LD Mark met on Sunday, May 12 to discuss a grant proposal to celebrate Vermont 250. They drafted & submitted (with Rick's support) a statement to the State of Vermont. The proposal focuses on a rare manuscript document, the Articles of Association, adopted by majority vote by residents of Weathersfield at

a town meeting in 1775. The document currently is housed at the Weathersfield Historical Society archives. There is perhaps only one similar example of these Articles to be found in the State of Vermont. The idea is to mount a one act, staged reenactment of that town meeting to dramatically explore varying perspectives of residents who attended that meeting nearly 250 years ago. Planning can begin once we hear back from the state.

- C. Biblio+ and streaming: LD Mark reported out on Biblio+, a digital provider platform for tv, movies and streaming content for library patrons. Weathersfield Proctor Library's contract is still in process and on track to be active on July 1. There is an annual cost for the library ~ .30 per patron. We have roughly 1,700 patrons ~ \$510. WPL will be the first library in the area to offer it and it has the potential to bring in patrons.
- D. AAS's Solar Eclipse Task Force (Rick Bates): Rick is headed to the American Astronomical Society's annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin and will report out there on all of the exciting things that WPL/SoVerA are working on. Rick's astronomy group is pulling together a curriculum to focus on star evolution that will incorporate the solar telescope/equipment we have. Rick has compiled a calendar of potential Fridays until December that can evolve into Star BQ's and Star Parties at Hoisington Field. Ray Stapleton will be going to the observatory site soon to see if they can lift it with equipment up and over the pesky pole.

#### IV. Old Business

- A. Expansion Grant Status: No update and we are waiting.
- B. WiFi and Phone Status: All set! Lines are in and FirstLight Fiber will be the WPL provider effective June 1, 2024.
- C. Summer Evening with Friends and Neighbors: Planning continues and auction items are coming in. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for all they do!

- V. Adjourn: Rick made a motion to end the meeting at 7:48 pm. Alicia seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Submitted by Anne Parent  
WPL Board of Trustees Secretary

May 21, 2024