

Weathersfield Proctor Library Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM
5181 Rte. 5 Ascutney, VT

Approved:

Attendance Trustees: Chair-Mavis Ellingwood (absent), Vice Chair-John Waite , Secretary-Anne Parent, Alicia Jenks, Rick Bates Director
(LD)-Mark Richardson

Call Trustee Meeting to Order-7:00 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 July 18, 2024 meeting? Rick made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2024 meeting. Alicia seconded and all voted in favor.
 - B. Rick made a motion to approve WPL expenditures dated 08/18/2024 subject to each Trustee's review and signature. Anne 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, Judy and Glenna continue to weed out books and the children's room is next. Glenna is back from her trip to Zambia and the Summer Reading Program is about to wrap up. The meeting room's table has been refinished by Bob Holtorf and it looks beautiful Mr. Holtorf also spruced up the children's room door trim and repainted the library sign. After some investigation, Mr. Holtorf discovered that the children's table and chair set in the basement (Mavis's favorite!) is a match to the big meeting room table. Mr. Holtorf will be working on removing layers of paint. Planning has started for the December event with Santa. The Weathersfield School's principal continues to be a strong partner in the event and there are many wonderful ideas. On Wednesday, August 14th, LD Mark was interviewed by Nancy Tusinski (former

WPL Librarian and recently retired Hartland Librarian) for her podcast *Where the Books are Now*. LD Mark shared the history of the library, programming details and then he was asked to share a couple of books. He chose to share *The Lost Words* by Robert MacFarland. Trustees paged through it and it truly is a powerful book. Judy held a WPL table at the Weathersfield Town Festival at Hoisington Field. WPL staff look forward to staying involved with the festival as it continues to grow year to year. The Observatory has been delivered to Hoisington Field- thank you to all who made that happen. Rick brought the solar telescope down to Keene State College for 3 sessions with a summer program. Each session enjoyed great weather and the solar telescope was used by program participants and general public. At this week's SoVerA's member's meeting the solar telescope was out and a STAR party was possible afterward.

- B. September 21st Book Sale: Planning continues and it soon will be time to move books to the Shand's barn!

IV. Old Business

- A. Expansion Grant Status: Still waiting on application update. LD Mark and Alicia to consider moving landscaping from the construction zone to ensure plants are preserved.
- B. Biblio+ and streaming: LD Mark continues to work on getting set up for the service to be active in September, 2024. Town Meeting Day will be a great time to promote the service to the community.
- C. Vermont 250: The Vermont 250 four member committee (members of WPL and Weathersfield Historical Society) met to commence planning and will meet again next month. Patti Arrison is doing genealogical work to "meet" the characters. Trustees are excited to see this project progress.
 - 1. Rick made a motion to appoint John Waite as co-chair of Vermont 250 project and Mark Richardson as administratively focused participatory member. Alicia seconded and all voted in favor.
- D. Trunk or Treat: Trunk or Treat 2024 will be scheduled for the end of October and notices are going out to local organizations now. The event continues to grow more and more popular each year and is a great town event.

- V. Adjourn: Rick made a motion to end the meeting at 7:36 pm. Alicia seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Submitted by Anne Parent
WPL Board of Trustees Secretary
August 19, 2024