

Weathersfield Proctor Library Trustees Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM

5181 Rte. 5 Ascutney, VT

Approved: March 20, 2025

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 January 23, 2025 meeting? Rick made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2025 meeting. Alicia seconded and all voted in favor.
 - B. Rick made a motion to approve WPL expenditures dated 02/20/2025 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: Fondue night was a fun event in the storm! The Dungeons & Dragons group continues to meet and the new card game group is gaining members too. On Wednesday, February 26 there will be dental storytime with a dental professional. The town has done an admirable job of keeping up with recent storms and we are appreciative of Ray and his department.
 - B. Trustees attending Town Meeting: Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 1. John, Alicia, and Rick confirmed attendance. Anne will double check her schedule. It is assumed that Mavis will attend.

- C. AARP Tax Services at the Library: This is the 3rd year AARP has been providing tax preparation services at the library. It is a great service for everyone and we welcome them to use the library.
- D. Proposal for a joint publication for the Vermont 250th: A conversation has started between the library and Weathersfield Historical Society to work on a joint publication focused on the history of the process and play. Brainstorming will continue and ideally would result in both a hard copy and archival digital version.

IV. Old Business

- A. Town Meeting: Please see New Business B.
- B. Library Lighting (update Alicia Jenks): Alicia and LD Mark met with Jerry Oles, an electrician from Chester, VT. The meeting took place at the library and it was a productive and informative meeting. Mr. Oles will provide Alicia with a proposal to bring back to the Trustees to review. It is possible to have this work happen in the spring season. Trustees will further discuss funding once figures are known. Alicia has offered to contribute to the project via a matching fund.
- C. Astronomy (update Rick Bates): Rick relayed that LD Mark shared a grant opportunity from Lyrasis. Lyrasis awards catalyst grants in the area of \$24,000.
 - 1. Alicia made a motion to approve Rick Bates to pursue and explore grant possibilities to further the Astronomy program at Hoisington Field. Anne seconded and all voted in favor.
- D. Vermont 250 (update John Waite): Weathersfield Historical Society has approved funding to purchase the construction of a period style dress. This dress will be made by a historical seamstress out of Charlestown, NH with connection to Fort #4. Work continues and the event is coming together.
- E. Trustee Music Committee (update Alicia Jenks, John Waite, Rick Bates): Alicia has started to reach out to some bands in the country genre. She is not getting responses as of yet. Alicia, John and Rick to meet at the library to reach out to bands together.
- F. 11th Annual Town Challenge: The 11th Annual Town Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2025. Envelopes are in the library for different groups. So far there are 10 teams! Patti Arrison is in charge of questions and John Arrison is handling music.

- V. Adjourn: Anne made a motion to end the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Rick seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Submitted by Anne Parent
WPL Board of Trustees Secretary
February 24, 2025