

Weathersfield Proctor Library Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm
5181 Route 5 Ascotney, VT 05030
Approved: November 20, 2025

Attendance Trustees: Chair Mavis Ellingwood, Vice-Chair John Waite, Secretary
Anne Parent (absent), Alicia Jenks, Rick Bates.
Library Director Mark Richardson
Guests: None.

Call Trustee Meeting to Order: 7:13 pm.

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 August 21 meeting? Quorum of Trustees present for 08/21/2025 meeting not available so minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

B. Rick made a motion to approve WPL expenditures dated 09/18/2025 subject to each Trustee's review and signature. Alicia seconded. All voted in favor.

II. Mavis announced the passing of her father, Ernest Shand, who with his wife Cookie had both been pillars of community support for the WPL for decades. Mr. Shand had served on the Board of Trustees for many years, and even after his term of service ended, he sometimes would attend Trustee meetings and offer comments.

III. New Business

A. Library Director's Report: LD Mark related the great success of the exhibition of book and print design work by Weathersfield resident and WPL supporter Sally Harris, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. The event, which included live music, a cake and beverages, was attended by many in the community, including all the Library employees, Trustees, Friends of the Library, relatives and friends of Sally Harris and other interested observers. Mark also announced an upcoming program on canning and food preservation for 20 September 2025, for which WPL has

purchased a two-burner electric stove for demonstration purposes.

B. Proposal by Town Office to hire dedicated person for meeting minutes, reporting and video presentation. The Town Office is considering a hire for this position to handle all minute taking, reporting and video recording responsibilities for the many town committees and boards. The Town Office has proposed offering this service as well to the WPL. After consideration, it is the inclination of the Trustees to continue to take responsibility within house for these legal obligations for the foreseeable future.

IV. Old Business

A. Astronomy (update Rick Bates): The town select board has approved an astronomy observation site at Hoisington Field in Perkinsville, with only details of how the site will be configured to be worked out. Also, the WPL solar telescope will be in use at the 20 September 2025 Chester Fall Festival, with two more solar telescope events scheduled for October at Springfield, VT and Old Weathersfield, CT.

B. Lighting (update by Alicia Jenks): Jerry Oles, who has contracted to do the renew and redo lighting at the WPL, plans to begin work in October.

C. Vermont 250 (update John Waite): Casting is complete for a staged reading of *We Most Ardently Desire*, a play by Patti Arrison. All cast members have been measured for costume fitting by Rebecca Stewart of Charlestown, NH. Rehearsals are set to begin this month. Forward!

D. Memorial Seating (update Alicia Jenks): Space now has been cleared thanks to the hard work of Ryan Gumbart and Alicia.

E. FOL Booksale Review (update LD Mark): Altogether \$870.00 was raised as a result of the sale. Just as important there have been three new sign-ups for Friends of the Library, which needs to fill ranks dwindling due to age.

V. Adjourn: Alicia made a motion to end the meeting at 8:01 pm. John seconded the motion. All voted in favor.