

Weathersfield Proctor Library Trustees Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM

5181 Rte. 5 Ascutney, VT

Approved: October 21, 2021

Attendance Trustees: Chair-Mavis Shand, Vice Chair-Cindy Osgood,

Secretary-Anne Parent, John Waite, Rika Henderson,

Guests: State Representative John Arrison

Library Director (LD)-Mark Richardson

- I. Call Trustee Meeting to Order-7:07 p.m
- II. 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. Rika made a motion to approve the minutes from 08/19/2021. John seconded and all voted in favor.
 - B. Rika made a motion to approve WPL expenditures dated September 16, 2021 subject to each Trustee's review and signature. Cindy seconded and all voted in favor. LD Mark expressed gratitude for Gail, the new Town Accountant, preparing the warrant so that we had it in time for the meeting.
- III. Comments from Citizens on Topics not on the Agenda: None
- IV. Library Director's Report: LD Mark read a note of thanks from Chris and Sally Harris in reaction to the Reading Room being dedicated to them. The Trustees are very happy that a gathering could happen to honor them both. LD Mark reported attendance and relayed that the numbers are within the realm of normal for this time of year. The Town Manager gifted a speaker to the library for use in hybrid meetings. The Vermont State Librarian, Jason Broughton, has left his position for a role at the Library of Congress. The Trustees are thankful for all of his support! Youth Librarian Glenna has distributed Trunk or Treat (scheduled for Saturday, October 30) registration forms. Cars are to arrive at 2:00 pm and the event is from 3:00-5:00 pm. The Friends of Weathersfield Proctor Library's Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 25 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Book donations have been strong. The Alpha Delta Kappa group met at the

library for their last meeting and was able to view the Evelyn Beebe collection. They gifted the library with commemorative book plates and the collection has been welcomed warmly by patrons. Thank you to Glenna for putting such care into creating the collection in memory of Evelyn. Glenna continues to pursue her Library Certification and is currently completing a course in Library Administration.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. John Arrison: Trustees welcomed Vermont State Representative John Arrison. Representative Arrison serves on the House Committee on Education. He relayed that there will be a working group formed to report on the status of libraries in Vermont. The report will be due in 2023. He outlined the membership constellation of the group and that any interested individual should contact the State Legislature. The group work will be stipended. This work falls under S.115 (Act 66) and information can be found at the State Legislature web site. Discussion followed regarding education tax rates and funding predictions. Trustees to monitor S.115 and look for opportunities to publicly support increased Broadband capabilities for the town.
- b. Chair/Director/Town Manager Meeting update: Chair Mavis, Town Manager Brandon and LD Mark met last week and discussed potential funding through the CRF capital investment/public building route. The proposed addition may fall into this category as the addition will provide more space and results with increased community safety. It also ties into the WPL Technology Plan as it will provide the needed increased square footage. Trustees will await more information after the next meeting with Chair Mavis, Town Manager Brandon and LD Mark on September 20.
- c. Architect and Contract Update: Chair Mavis and LD Mark have an action item of confirming scope of proposed project with architect.

- VI. Adjourn: Rika made the motion to end the meeting at 8:18 pm. Anne seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Submitted by Anne Parent
WPL Board of Trustees Secretary
September 18, 2021