



**WEATHERSFIELD PROCTOR LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING AGENDA
Thursday November 16, 2023
At the Weathersfield Proctor Library**

Attending: Rick Bates, Rika Henderson, Mavis Ellingham, John Waite, LD Mark Richardson (Anne Parent is post-Covid)

Call To Order: 7:02 PM

1. Consent Calendar

- A. Minutes from October 2023 Meeting were unanimously approved (John moved, Rika second)
- B. Warrant was unanimously approved following review (Mavis moved, John second)

2. There were no comments from members of the public because none were present

New Business

A. Library Director's Report

- It's been a very busy month, with more patrons and programs.
- Glenna is now certified
- The VT Working Group on Libraries report is extensive and will be discussed in subsequent meetings.
- The Library is on the agenda for the next Zoning Board meeting because of the addition and because we are technically in a residential zone. Mark noted that ours is a single conditional use and that we are staying within that, so this should be a non-issue.

B. 2024/25 Budget was discussed and accepted (see attached)

C. Construction Bids and Grant status: 5 bids were solicited but only 2 contractors responded. Bids will be opened on 12/____. The Grant applications have not been opened yet.

D. Discussion of upcoming and future Local Artists Spotlight program: Maria Waite will exhibit her fabric art, with a public opening on December 9. Mark would like to do 5-6 hours per year, as they draw in people besides our regular patrons.

E. Vermont Department of Libraries Annual Report: This will be submitted by the end of

December.

- F. WiFi access, funding, grants and options: The State Legislature has committed \$16,500 for Rural Broadband, to cover new equipment, a consultant, and wifi bills in exchange for our existing equipment and service, which will be removed by June 2024. It is therefore essential that the new service and equipment is installed by then so we can continue to provide this essential service.
- G. Jay M. Pasachoff Solar Eclipse grant: We joined a “consortium” with the Reading library, and SoVerA for educational programming and submitted an application. The winners will be announced on December 15.

Old Business

A. Astronomy update:

- We have a solar telescope on loan for 6 weeks, which has been very well received. The Pasachoff grant (above) is to procure a larger version of the solar telescope we currently have on loan, which would be ours to keep. It would not be available to loan but rather would be used for supervised use such as SkyParties and for elementary school use.
- We had our first StarParty last Saturday at Hoisington Field, in conjunction with the Reading Library. About 35 people participated, using 9-10 telescopes.
- SoVerA will do a presentation on the solar telescope at the library on December 2 at 11 AM.

- B. Christmas Programming:** John Arrison will again appear as Santa, the Weathersfield School Choral Group will perform, and there will be cookies, cocoa and candy.

Adjourned at 8:35 PM (Mavis moved, John second)