

Minutes of the April 18 2024 Meeting of the Trustees of the Weathersfield Proctor Library

Present: Alicia Jenks, Mavis Ellingwood, Rick Bates,
Running late: John Waite
Absent: Anne Parent

The WPL Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair Mavis Ellingwood.

Motion regarding approval of last month's minutes was tabled until John gets here, as Mavis had not been at that meeting, and we needed John for a quorum to deal with that matter.

Rick made a Motion for the Warrant to circulate for review and signature; the motion was seconded by Alicia. After review, the motion passed unanimously.

(enter John)

Alicia moved that we close the library on Saturday April 20th in honor of Darrin Spaulding. Rick seconded. This was unanimously approved.

There was discussion of the logistics of attendance at the upcoming service for Darrin Spaulding.

Library Director's Report

Emmett McGowan wants to organize a Blooms Day reading on June 16th at WPL. Rick moved to support Blooms Day but to have no alcohol at least for this initial event. John seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mark has been working with Ellen Clattenberg of the Weathersfield Historical Society on a 250th anniversary event, a Semiquincentennial, also called a Sestercentennial or Quarter Millennial. Initially, we discussed engaging a reenactment group to walk part of the Crown Point Road. John suggested that we reenact the debate in Weathersfield which lead up to the signing of the article to support the revolution. This idea caught everyone's interest. Mark will discuss it with Ellen.

Vacations are coming up. Judy is leaving for the Bahamas, then Glenna to Africa. Later Mark will be going south with family.

Summer programs — VT Humanities will be funding speaker Michael Tougias, as discussed in last month's minutes. The event may include tubing on the Connecticut River.

Summer Evening with Friends is coming along nicely. A band has been booked, and the Center Meeting House reserved. The fund raising committee will meet at the WPL tomorrow. Rika will still be involved.

The Annual Book Sale will be on Sept 21st. We can start putting books in Ernie's barn in August. Books can come to the WPL before, but with some restrictions.

The Friends purchased a map for the library, a mid-1800s map of Winsor County. They are also buying a membership in the Granite Museum in Barre.

The eclipse event at Hoisington Field was a success. There were 70 or so in attendance. We had excellent weather and were able to use the new solar telescope.

The Egg Hunt — There were roughly 200 in attendance (about 110 children, 85 or so adults). There were 1900 eggs. All eggs were found in about seven minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March Trustees meeting was made by Rick and seconded by John. It was unanimously approved by the three members who were at the March meeting. (Alicia, John, and Rick).

The Friends of the WPL voted \$500 for half of the cost of moving of the observatory. Alicia moved that we tak \$500 from fundraising to cover the other half of the cost of moving the observatory. John seconded. Unanimously approved.

Mavis moved to adjourn, and we adjourned at 8:02 pm.