

Nesmith Library Board of Trustees

**Date: January 8, 2024
Meeting Minutes**



Present:

Trustees: Theresa Abbamondi (Chair), Karen Moltenbrey (Assistant Chair), Catherine Girata (Recording Secretary), Jim Murphy (Treasurer), Tara Picciano (Corresponding Secretary), Beth Talbott (Member at Large)

Director: Sylvie Brikiatis

Assistant Director: Karen Burbank

Absent: Jennifer Lopez (Assistant Treasurer)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by T. Abbamondi at 6:35 pm.

Mission statement: Read by T. Abbamondi

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by T. Picciano to approve the minutes of the Public Session of the December 16, 2023 meeting. K. Moltenbrey gave a second. The vote passed 5-0. Beth Talbott abstained, as she was absent for the December Meeting.

Gifts:

- There was a \$250 donation from Tom and Patricia Barstow for the Anne Barstow Named Fund. A motion was made by T. Picciano to accept the donation for the Anne Barstow Named Fund. B. Talbott gave a second. The vote passed 6-0.

Correspondence:

- There was no correspondence.

FLOW:

- There was no FLOW Report.
- C. Girata will attend the Strawberry Festival Planning Meeting on January 24, 2024.
- T. Picciano will attend the FLOW Meeting on February 5, 2024.

Director:

- The summary of 2023 is indicated in the Annual Report. There has been an increased activity in library visits, as well as Adult and Teen Programming. Internet usage has decreased.
- The alarm system is being updated with new pads.
- HVAC is 10 yrs old so property maintenance continues to increase. (Boilers and Air Handlers) This will be added to the CIP.
- The Tech Services position has been reposted.
- An update to the budget regarding the COLA is 2.4%.

- The Deliberative Session has been moved to February 3, 2024, at 9:00 AM.
- The library has received great feedback on customer service.

Treasurer:

- The library has spent 97.2% of the appropriation as of December 31, 2023. The library is in compliance with RSA 32:7.
- We have been given clearance by the NHPDIP to move money. We will revisit this after the election as to which bank to proceed with.

Trustee Committee Reports:

- There are no reports.

New Business:

- There is no new business.

Old Business:

- The 2024 Budget will be absent of benefits, as the town will be taking this over.
- The Trustees will be present on Jan 23 at the High School to gather feedback on the “Use of Library” Survey. Present will be Tara/Cathy 7-10, Jim 10-2, Theresa 11-2, Karen 4-6, Beth 4-? A request to the superintendent for placing the survey in the schools newsletters will be made.
- HB321 will be discussed during the March Meeting on how to proceed ahead.
- HB1308 mandating Public Libraries give parents or guardians access to minor’s records. This goes against RS201-D:11. NHLA is opposed to this.
- LSR 2024-2147 is about the licensing of electronic literary materials by libraries. This bill is aimed at costs libraries incur.
- The filing dates for trustees will be posted. Filing is conducted from Jan 24 through Feb 2.

Public Comments:

- The public was absent.

Announcements:

- The next meeting will be held February 12, at 6:30 pm.

A motion to adjourn was given by K. Moltenbrey. A second was given by C.Girata. The vote passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Girata,
Meeting Minutes