



*Nesmith Library Board of Trustees*

**Tuesday March 15, 2021  
FINAL Meeting Minutes**



**Present:**

***Trustees:*** \*Michelle Stith (Chair), \*Karen Moltenbrey (Assistant Chair), Mark Branoff (Treasurer), \*Catherine Robertson Souter (Recording Secretary), \*Nadia Alawa (new member)

\*Attended virtually

***Director:*** Sylvie Brikiatis

***Assistant Director:*** Nancy Vigezzi

***Absent:*** Tara Picciano, Jaime Slocum

***Call to Order:*** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm

***Mission statement:*** read by M. Stith

***Approve February Meeting Minutes:***

**Motion made** by K. Moltenbrey to approve meeting minutes for February meeting. Seconded by M. Branoff. Roll call vote taken: C. Robertson Souter (yes), K. Moltenbrey (yes), M. Branoff (yes), M. Stith (yes), N. Alawa (abstained) **Approved 4-0**

***Gifts:***

- There were no gifts

***Correspondence:***

- There was no correspondence.

**Reports:**

***Flow report:***

- Strawberry Festival
  - FLOW plans to sell shortcakes through direct order.
  - The donations for strawberries, kitchen space for biscuit baking & discounted ice cream have been secured.

- FLOW is also planning a book fair in an outdoor tent. The date is not set yet but it should be the first week of June.

***Director's report:***

- We are open and it is going well.
  - We have had no problems with mask compliance and time limits.
  - We have opened the children's room for one family at a time, using a hall pass type system. That has worked out well.
- Staff is starting to get vaccinated. We will be able to broaden services as more get vaccinated.
- Summer reading planning is in process.
  - We have a tent for seven weeks during summer reading which will be placed along the side of the front lawn. Marie Schroeder was able to get a great rate. This will allow for all-weather programming.
- Building Maintenance:
  - We should have the LED conversion project complete in the next few weeks.
  - Vendor for study pods - reaching out to see if it is possible to see them at a showroom.
    - We have room for three and have funds for two.
    - Donations coming in are earmarked towards the pods.
- Fidelity Charitable Giving
  - They reached out to tell us that someone had donated to the library through their foundation and we need to set up an account for that.
  - It is similar to a PayPal account and many corporate charitable arms are donating this way.
 

**Motion made** by N. Alawa to give S. Brikiatis the authority to set up an account to accept charitable donations for the sake of receiving corporate gifts. Seconded by C. Robertson Souter. Roll call vote taken: C. Robertson Souter (yes), K. Moltenbrey (yes), M. Branoff (yes), M. Stith (yes), N. Alawa (yes) **Approved 5-0**
- Facebook Message
  - S. Brikiatis shared a comment made in support of everything that the library is doing this year.
    - There have been a number of new families in town who have reached out and connected with the library
  - Comment made by N. Alawa with feedback regarding the programming that has been going on throughout the year and suggestions on creating book lists to recommend further reading.

***Treasurer's Report:***

- 16.67% of year has passed and the library has spent 12.78% of appropriation.
  - The library remains in compliance with RSA 32:7.

***New Business:***

***Election of board positions:***

- Tabled to next meeting.

***Committee nominations:***

- Tabled to next meeting.

***Meeting date change:***

- Suggestion to move meeting to third Tuesday of the month.
  - No objections

**Motion made** by M. Branoff to change board's monthly meetings to the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm (plus December 14). Seconded by K. Moltenbrey. Roll call vote taken: C. Robertson Souter (yes), N. Alawa (yes), K. Moltenbrey (yes), M. Branoff (yes), M. Stith (yes), T. Picciano (yes) - **Approved 5-0**

**Solar roofing, Article 15:**

- The article passed at town election last week
  - There are issues with the contract.
    - The solar company has changed the terms of the contract.
      - They had done it as a lease not as a service contract and are now saying it needs to be a service contract
      - They claim that they cannot sell us the system at the agreed-upon fixed price but must sell it at market value at the time of purchase.
      - They claim this is to comply with IRS regulations
      - The Windham Energy Committee is meeting with town lawyers and with the solar company's lawyers to work out the issue.

**Announcements:**

- The next trustee meeting is April 20, 2021, at 6 p.m.
- NHLTA will host a Virtual Trustee Orientation on April 24, from 10-11,
- NHLTA will host a Virtual Annual Conference on May 12-13, from 9:30-2:45 both days

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Robertson Souter  
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