

*Nesmith Library Board of Trustees*

**Monday November 15, 2021  
FINAL -Meeting Minutes**



***Present:***

Trustees: Catherine Robertson Souter (Assistant Chair), Mark Branoff (Treasurer), Jaime MacFall (Assistant Treasurer), Nadia Alawa (Corresponding Secretary), Michelle Stith (Member-at-large) Aiden Whitaker (Eagle Scout Troop 266), Russ Redard (Boy Scout mentor).

**Director:** Sylvie Brikiatis

**Assistant Director:** Nancy Vigezzi

Absent: Karen Moltenbrey (Chair), Tara Picciano (Recording Secretary)

***Call to Order:*** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by C. Robertson-Souter

***Approve Meeting Minutes:***

- Approval of October Minutes was tabled until next month for lack of quorum.

A motion was made to move the Eagle Scout presentation up by J. MacFall, seconded by N. Alawa. Vote 5-0.

- Eagle Scout Project: Aidan Whitaker presented a project to construct an outdoor chess board on the side lawn of the library. He will return to the library in two months to present a detailed plan of the project for board approval. A motion was made to give preliminary approval to move forward with detailed planning by J. MacFall, seconded by M. Stith. Vote 5-0.

**Gifts:**

- A \$200 gift from the Women's Service Club of Windham to purchase a book kit to be made available for book groups. Sylvie will send a thank you letter. Motion to accept by M. Stith, second by J. MacFall. Vote 5-0

**Correspondence:**

- No Correspondence

**Reports:**

***FLOW report:***

F.L.O.W. Report from Michelle Tieman read by S. Brikiatis. FLOW will be holding Holiday crafts the week following Thanksgiving. There will be limited in person crafts and take away crafts. They also accepted donations of children's books for the first two weeks of November and will hold a limited book fair during the holiday craft hours.

***Director's report:***

- A large shrub outside of the Children's room window has been trimmed drastically. Director received approval from board to reevaluate the condition in the spring for possible replacement.
- There were intermittent internet issues last month that are now resolved.
- Molly Pevna (teen librarian) has been accepted into the prestigious ALA emerging leaders program for 2022. The library will support registration costs for required conference attendance where able.
- Town employee appreciation luncheon is 12/15. A motion was made by M. Stith for the library to close from noon to 1pm to allow staff to attend, Seconded by N. Alawa. Vote 5-0
- Budget workshops are being held beginning next week. Sylvie will let board know when the library is scheduled
- Policy review is ongoing and should be complete in time for the December meeting.
- Sylvie introduced the possibility of accepting monetary donations through the PAC via credit card. The board is interested and Sylvie will bring more information and details to a future meeting.

***Committees Report:***

No reports

***Treasurer's Report:***

- 83.33% of the year has passed and the library has spent 81.03% of appropriation. The library remains in compliance with RSA 32:7.

***New Business:***

- Discussion of whether or not an ad hoc Advocacy committee should be reformed.

***Old Business:***

- No Old Business

***Announcements:***

- Next meeting Monday December 13 @ 6pm.
- Add to next agenda: Trustee employee appreciation, discussion to form an advocacy committee, staff reviews for the director review process

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvie Brikiatis,  
Meeting Minutes