

Abbott Memorial Library  
Board of Trustees Minutes  
March 18, 2024

The March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting took place in person at the library.

The meeting began at 7:03pm

Present: Mary Worrell, Betsy Rhodes, Jocelyn Randles, Doug Abbott, Jim Robinson, Cara DeFoor, and Cory Smith

The agenda was reviewed and adopted.

The April 17th Minutes were adopted.

### Reports

The board welcomes Jim Robinson!

Cory Smith (Librarian)

- A grant was submitted to the Vermont Department of Libraries last Tues for ARPA funds. Mary, Jocelyn, Betsy and Cory contributed to writing a grant proposal for the Abbott Access Project which would provide funds for internet accessibility.
- Cory submitted a \$300 VT Department of Libraries Summer Reading grant to hire the Center for Cartoon Studies to provide a workshop.
- We have eclipse glasses available for the public.

Doug Abbott (Outreach)

- Doug and Jocelyn have created flyers for the Spring Egg Hunt and will post throughout the community. Doug has bought treats and plastic eggs. The board will provide more treats and stuff eggs on Friday 03/22. The board will decorate on Friday 03/29. The event will be held on 03/30 Saturday from 11am-noon at the library.
- The board is discussing the possibility of hosting a poetry slam for students grades 5 through 8 at the Library toward the end of the school year.
- The MOTH style event will be on April 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday at 7pm

Betsy Rhodes (Building and Grounds)

- Dave Pearsons is pleased to continue mowing for the library.
- The Eunice Dana Hutchinson portrait and the Keith Farm painting in the center room have been removed and are being cleaned. The portrait's frame is also being restored.
- Pike Industries paving proposal is on the town selectboard meeting agenda on Wednesday 03/20. Betsy will inquire as to whether the Library St/Stage Rd intersection will be included in the proposal as planned last fall.

- Betsy will follow up with John Barnes to schedule the spring chimney repair.
- Betsy will follow up with the slate roof repair company to establish 2024 maintenance.

Mary Worrell (Chair)

- After many years of much appreciated dedication, Sue Heston has agreed again to coordinate our volunteer efforts for traffic control for the 2024 Covered Bridge Marathon with the understanding that the board will resume this role going forward if the Library wishes to continue to participate.
- The board opened a discussion as to board member roles and has agreed to share responsibilities until more definitive roles are decided.

Next meeting will be at the library on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned: 9:05pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Cara DeFoor, Secretary