

Abbott Memorial Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
September 16, 2024

The Sept 16th meeting took place in person at the library and began at 7:12pm.

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

The agenda was reviewed and adopted.

The Aug 19th Minutes were reviewed and adopted.

Reports

Cory Smith (Librarian)

- Summer MOTH was a success with 21 attendees.
- Kids continue to pick up gift cards for their summer reading achievements.
- Preschool story time will start on Sept 26th. Liz will read stories and prepare take home craft bags.
- The listserv announcement proposing a book group to focus on NYTimes best books of the 21st century generated 30 responses. The first book will be The Known World, by Edward P Jones. The library will be offering 2 meetings for the book, one on Tues Oct 29th and one on Wed Oct 30th. Both will begin at 6pm at the library. Twenty-five copies will be arriving this Tues and next Tues through interlibrary loan.
- Mary and Sue are leading a yarn and fiber group on the 3rd Tuesday monthly from 2pm-4pm.
- Abbott is sponsoring a puppet show. The town hall is arranged for Sat Nov 2nd at 4pm and No Strings Marionettes is available for that date. We will choose one of the following productions: Hansel and Gretel, Jack and the Beanstalk or their version of The Three Little Pigs.
- Artistree is having a community Artsfest on Sat Sept 21st. Library Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from noon to 4, but the library will be open regular business hours from 10-2pm. During the 2-hour overlap, library patrons will be able to park on the north end of Library Street, facing south, or they may park at the round Teago Store parking lot. The library will display “book sale” and “open” signs and we’ll have a leaf craft activity available.

Betsy Rhodes (Building and Grounds)

- On Friday Sept 20th mason, Dave Paul, is coming to estimate the chimney repair project.
- The fire department walk-through is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30pm, to be sure that our pre-plan is in order.
- The library will be giving the town suggestions for safety measures for the parking area. These suggestions will include seven spaces to be delineated by painted white reflective lines and the installation of rubber parking stops with yellow reflectors. Snow removal will not be impeded by parking stops.
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Mary Worrell (Chair)

- All paper records have been reviewed and stored in the basement. Going forward, all financial statements will only be saved digitally. Our written treasurers' report will still be included in the Town Report.
- Open meeting laws have been changed such that starting January 2025, we will be required to record our board meetings and post them for a 30-day period. The 30-day period starts when we approve our draft minutes. We will use audio recordings and post them on the town website.
- Architect, Hunter Ulf, met with board members, Mary, Betsy and Jocelyn, along with librarian, Cory Smith, to discuss the possibility of designing an accessible addition to include a new entrance, an accessible bathroom, an event room, access to a private meeting room, etc.
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Mary Worrell (Treasurer)

- The capital budget is in early stages of being drafted.
- The library budget for the town report is in initial stages of being drafted for the treasurer's report.
- Parking lot paving cost amounted to \$2,640 and will be paid for from the Ira Abbott fund.
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Next meeting will be at the library on October 21st, 2024.

Meeting adjourned: 9pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Cara DeFoor, Secretary