

Abbott Memorial Library

Board of Trustees Minutes

March 17th, 2025

The meeting began at 7.09pm.

Present in person: Cory Smith (Librarian), Mary Worrell, Jim Robinson, and Jocelyn Randles.

Present via Zoom: Betsy Rhodes and Doug Abbott

The agenda was approved. The updated February 2025 minutes will be circulated for approval.

Reports

Library: *Cory Smith*

- Abbott Book Club met on 3/12 for a discussion of *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. The evening session was lively and well attended. The April selection is *Come Fly the World* by Julia Cooke and it is hoped that the author will attend.
- We plan to offer three craft programs as part of the Summer Reading Program in June and July. Jocelyn and Mary will help with these. Current ideas are color mixing, felting wool and making sock puppets.
- In April, we are planning a seed sowing program for children using egg cartons (likely April school vacation). The trustees are requested to collect egg cartons.
- Thanks to Doug for the first draft of a code of conduct for computer use. Cory has also collected policies from other local libraries and Jenny Satterfield will put together a second draft.
- Last Friday, the Institute for Museum and Library Services was told to make significant cuts. This means that we are likely to lose federal funding for the Summer Reading Program (\$350), half of the funding for the courier service that facilitates interlibrary loan (\$650), as well as other library services at the state level.
- Cory will be on vacation from March 26th to April 9th and has organized cover.

Building and Grounds: *Betsy Rhodes*

- Spring projects are fixing and repairing the chimney, addressing the draining issues at the end of the walkway and planting around the streambank to aid retention and improve aesthetic appeal.
- Volunteers will be needed to help with the streambank project and trustees are requested to send Betsy ideas for approaches and resources (labor and flora).
- Doug will return the outdoor furniture in May.
- Fire extinguishers do not need to be inspected until September (organized by the town).

Treasurer and Chair: *Mary Worrell*

- Safety Procedures were updated.
- Heather Durkel is to be appointed as a trustee on Wednesday to serve for one year after which she will run for a two-year term. She will be secretary.
- Jim will co-chair with Mary. He will develop the agenda, circulate it, and run the meetings.
- Betsy, Jocelyn and Doug will keep their current roles (Building and Grounds, Development, and Outreach respectively).