

Abbott Memorial Library

Board of Trustees Minutes

June 16, 2025

The June 16 meeting took place in-person at Abbott Memorial Library and began at 7:05 pm

Present: Cory Smith, Jim Robinson, Betsy Rhodes, Mary Worrell, Doug Abbott, Heather Durkel. Jocelyn Randles was absent.

The agenda was approved.

The May 2025 minutes were approved.

Reports

Librarian: *Cory Smith*

- Cory is finishing up spending and reporting for FY25.
- Abbott Library is ready to hand out starter kits and sign up children for the Summer Reading Program. The first craft program, Felting with Wool, will take place Tuesday, June 24 from 10:30-noon. Mary Worrell and Cory Smith will be creating felted foxtail balls and wet felted pictures with kids.
- Abbott Book Club will discuss the book *Emma* on Tuesday, July 1st at 6pm. The book club is also working to schedule a field trip to Dartmouth College to learn more about the author, Jane Austen.

Building and Grounds: *Betsy Rhodes*

- Stream bank restoration update:
 - Cory and Betsy have installed a handful of larger rocks and several water bars made of hardpack between the pavement and the edge of the streambank to slow down and redirect runoff from the

parking area and road. As a result, the majority of water no longer channels to and erodes one section of the streambank at the south end. Betsy thanked the Town for providing the hardpack.

- Betsy cleaned up the pathway between Artistree and the Library, re-mulching it with woodchips courtesy of Chippers.
- Betsy has tried a number of times to connect with the chimney repair contact but has not been successful to date. She will continue to reach out.
- KNOXBox - we cannot install the KNOXBox on this building per the installation instructions due to Abbott Memorial Library's old brick exterior
 - Alternative possibilities include:
 - Drilling through the frame of a window
 - Installing a pedestal mount on the porch
- Conversation about alternative installation methods, locations and timelines ensued

Outreach: *Doug Abbott*

- Doug will bring the outdoor furniture back this week from winter storage.

Treasurer: *Mary Worrell*

- The Board reviewed Abbott Library's Investment Policy document
- Abbott Memorial Library's Investment Account is through Vanguard
- Mary asked if the board approves the continued use of the Vanguard Account for investments
 - The board approves keeping the investment account with Vanguard

Development: *Jocelyn Randles*

- Jocelyn was absent

Chair: *Jim Robinson & Mary Worrell*

- The Board reviewed the Long Range Plan

- Mary posted the ByLaw amendment at the library, post office and town hall on June 2nd.
 - To make the change in ByLaws, the ByLaw amendment needed to be posted. The document needed to include the old wordage versus the new wordage, rationale as to the change, and what people can do if they disapprove.
 - The ByLaw amendment will be posted for 44 days.
 - Hunter Ulf has preliminary accessibility designs for the library
 - Hunter will present the design to the working group.
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The next meeting will be held at the library August 18th at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully submitted by Heather Durkel, Secretary