

**ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
August 28, 2018 Meeting**

The meeting began at 7:10 PM. Present: Anne Bower, Betsy Rhodes, Nancy Merrill, Jean Souter, and Cory Smith, Librarian.

Absent: Jenn Gubbins, Tessa Westbrook

A few items were added to the agenda and then it was adopted. The minutes from the June meeting were approved as amended.

REPORTS

Librarian: Cory presented her written librarian's report. (See attached)

The summer programs were well attended and the Pomfret-Teago Fire Department appreciated the substantial donation of proceeds from our yard sale held on the same day as their annual ox pull.

The board was happy to know that Finnie Trimpi, from Artistree, will be holding a monthly after school program at the library this fall.

Building and Grounds: The radon levels are fine, although they were up a bit in July due to the wet weather. Betsy changed the filters and will be ordering more in the new year. The reorganization of the basement is still in progress. Several boxes of old books were removed and sent to Woodstock for the *Bookstock* event this summer. The boxes of extra cresting tiles can now be accessed. Anne and Betsy will arrange a date to inventory them.

There is only one line of old cresting tiles left from the fairy house project. They are along the outside wall of the library.

Anne will speak with Fiona to see if she wants them for creation of a sculpture for the Library.

Cory and Betsy will set a date to walk the border and yank plants that we don't want.

Betsy removed the remaining parts of screens that were around the trees in the yard.

The correct sealant for the library steps was purchased by Betsy. She was able to buy one gallon from Northern Nurseries. She will contact library personnel before she applies it this fall.

Treasurer: Nancy heard from Ellen regarding the CD the town put in Library Reserve dating back to the Roof Restoration Project. It is up in September and the board agreed that it should be renewed for another two years.

Nancy presented a more efficient way of tracking our electric bill and solar credits that are applied each month. It was well received by everyone on the board.

Development: Tessa was unable to be at the meeting but she gave the newly painted picture of the library to Cory to show to the board. Everyone loved the painting and appreciated the donated work by Mimi Eastman. Tessa also sent along a printed notecard with the suggestion that we print it in a smaller size. It was suggested by Anne that the notecard should have the artist's name along with the library name and place on the back of the card; something like, "This painting of the Abbott Memorial Library in Pomfret, Vermont was painted by Mimi Eastman".

Community Outreach: Jenn could not be at the meeting. Anne had an idea for one of the winter series programs. It is based on February being "Love Your Library" month. She shared it with Jenn earlier and then at the board meeting.

Sometime in February there would be a program where patrons would bring a book that they loved and/or made an impact on their life, tell why, and share a passage. Anne will work with Jenn on this.

OLD BUSINESS

Cory is finding the website is easy to use and Marie is available to help or answer any questions.

Terrazzo floor questions- Betsy has not heard back from anyone that she tried contacting, but has not run out of resources. Since this is not pressing, she will continue to research this winter.

NEW BUSINESS

No items on the Trustees' Calendar for August

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will take place at 7 PM on Monday, September 17, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Souter