

# Randolph Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2025

Present: Heather Newfield, Annie Colella, Karen Bradley, Yvonne Jenkins.

1. Heather made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting.  
Annie seconded, all were in favor.

## 2. Treasurer's Report, Annie

- Town Checking Balance: **\$13,494.08**
- RPL Checking Balance: **\$16,541.92**
- Building Fund CD: **\$20,628.12 from statement ending 12/31/24.**
- Invoices were circulated for approval.

## 3. Librarian's Report, Yvonne

### Programs update:

The Winter Solstice Celebration on December 21 was a huge success. Over 30 people attended and we have had requests to do it every year. The Friends organized the refreshments, and the Library staff was in charge of crafts. A very successful collaboration.

On January 13, the Mildred Horton Book group participated in a NH Humanities Perspectives Book Group. 12 people attended and discussed "Deacon King Kong" by James McBride, and was facilitated in person by Carrie Brown, who has a PH.D. in American Literature and Folklore. This discussion was made possible by a grant from the NH Humanities.

The Friends of the Library will be holding "The Great Ladle-Off" at the Town Hall, Sunday, January 26 at 1:00 p.m. The Trustees are invited and encouraged to participate.

### February Programs:

**Wednesday, February 5:** 6:00pm. The first of four events in the Great North Woods Series: CSI: New England Murder in Plain Sight. There will be a watch party at the RPL.

**Saturday, February 8.** Preschool playgroup at the Library. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, February 12.** Stop by the Library between 1:00 - 5:00 to create a Valentine for someone special. Materials will be supplied. All ages - kids and adults.

**Monday, February 17** - Library is closed in observance of President's Day.

**Saturday, February 22** 10-11:00 - Kids Fun time at the Library - "What do animals do in Winter?" All ages welcome. Stories, games, and snacks.

**Monday, February 24** at 10:00 a.m. Mildred Horton Book Group in the White Mountain Room. Doris Kearns Goodwin's new book "An Unfinished Love Story" will be reviewed. Please join us.

**Wednesday, February 26** - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Games & Snacks for Middle School & High School students. A variety of board games will be available. Bring your friends.

Other: Yvonne is in the process of writing the Library Report to be included in the 2024 Town Report.

Weeding of the shelves continues. The shelves are overcrowded and need thinning to make room of new books.

#### **4. Friends Group, Yvonne**

- The Friends Group would like to hold a joint planning session with the Trustees to learn how they can support the RPL on projects and goals moving forward.
- The next meeting will be on March 19, 2025 at 9:00am.

5. Heather made a motion to put a pause on the Trustees' decision to transfer the Energy Rebate funds from the RPL to the Town of Randolph during the December 18th meeting for further consideration. Annie seconded, all were in favor.

#### **6. Continuing and Other Business**

- Karen made a motion to approve the proposed RPL 2025 budget. Heather seconded, all were in favor.
- Karen presented a draft of the RPL Gifts Policy. The board reviewed and edited together. Annie made a motion to approve the edited version of the Gifts Policy, Heather seconded, all were in favor.
- We continue to search for an additional Alternate Trustee.

7. The next meeting will be held on February 12, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kare Bradley, secretary.