

Randolph Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2025

Present: Heather Newfiled, Annie Colella, Karen Bradley, Linda Scherf, Dr. Chris Lake, Cathy Roy, Yvonne Jenkins.

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

2. Treasurer's Report:

Town Checking Balance: \$11,879.49 from statement ending 3/31/25

RPL Checking Balance: \$16,642.45 from statement ending 3/31/25

Building Fund: \$20,803.84 from statement ending 3/31/25

Invoices were circulated for approval.

3. Librarian's Report:

Upcoming programs:

- Saturday, April 26 - Earth Day activities from 10-1:00.
- Monday, April 28 - Mildred Horton Book Group 10:00
- Wednesday, May 7 - 6:00 p.m. Zoom Watch Party of "Case Closed" on the 1873 Smuttynose Ax Murders.
- Monday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m. NH Humanities Perspectives Book Discussion. This will be the last Mildred Horton Book Group until September.

Summer programs

July 9 at 7:00 p.m. Green Mountain Conservation is going to do a zoom presentation on micro plastics. This is a joint event between the Library and the Conservation Commission. The cost is \$100 and will be split between us.

Yvonne was not able to get anyone to do a presentation about composting.

Yvonne is continuing to plan for the summer reading program.

Katharine's Replacement: There were no interested part-time employees from the Gorham Public Library. Yvonne is currently working on a few other possibilities.

Yvonne is planning to meet with the Select Board next Monday April 28th to discuss the EV charger possibility as well as beginning the work on the outdoor space next to the library.

The Library webpage was having some technical difficulties for a couple of days, but seems to be up and running smoothly now.

State Library Update:

This is an update from Mindy Atwood, Administrator of Library Operations:
Interim State Librarian:

Since the Executive Order of March 14, 2025 regarding the dismantling of IMLS to only what is “statutorily required” the NHSL staff has:

1. Weathered an amendment to defund the State Library (which was withdrawn in large part due to YOUR advocacy and outreach!);
2. Established regular contact with members of our Congressional delegation, updating them about the services and programs that NH uses its federal grants for, explaining their importance to NH libraries, and asking them to make contact with IMLS on our behalf to deliver the message of the importance of federal library funds to NH;
3. Worked with and informed NH state agencies (DNCR, COGE, Department of Administrative Services) about the importance and impact of federal library funds to NH’s libraries;
4. Met /corresponded with vendors to ask about their ability to be flexible with payment schedules; and
5. Begun to research/explore what, if any, alternatives might exist for some of the programs and services that are currently run on federal funds.

4. The Friends Group

- Will be hosting an ice cream social on June 7th.
- Their next meeting will be held in July.
- The Annual Friends meeting will take place on August 6th at 7pm.

5. Continuing and other business:

- We are happy to announce that Cathy Roy has accepted the role of Alternate Trustee, we all look forward to working with her!
- The RPL and the Friends group will collaborate on establishing a FREE LIBRARY in Randolph, it will be located near the municipal building on the Pinkham B road.
- Yvonne is getting the Town Bike tuned up and ready for the public's use on Durand Rd.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with spring clean up and yard work in preparation for the outdoor garden project from the May Family Gift. We are also awaiting a revised proposal on the plans for this project from Yonder Mountain Nursery.
- We will continue to offer "Library After Hours" throughout the summer.

The date for the next meeting is May 28th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bradley, secretary.