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**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Vicki Stachowske. The following board members were in attendance: Pauline Caron, Robert Collins, Betsy McKinney, and John Velliquette. Also in attendance: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Library Director; Sally Nelson, Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services; Kathy Mague, Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services.

**Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary's Report for July 1, 2011 was distributed prior to the meeting. No changes were made. A **motion** was made by Betsy McKinney to accept the minutes as written. The **motion was seconded** by Pauline Caron. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report for April 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011 was distributed by Pauline Caron. A **motion** was made by Robert Collins to accept the Treasurer's Report. The **motion was seconded** by Betsy McKinney. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

**Friend's Report:**

There was no meeting in July. The Friends have started their annual bulb sale and information is available at the circulation desk. The final day to order bulbs is September 26, 2011.

**Director's Report:**

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Ms. Shelley Rasmussen donated \$20.00 to the library.
- Mrs. Rita Gorman donated \$5.00 for the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center museum pass.
- Ms. Laurie Thompson donated \$20.00 to the library.
- Mr. Philip Nezballa donated \$5.00 for the SEE museum pass.
- Ms. Annie Haavisto donated artwork to the Children's Room.

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At 7:05 p.m., William Feldmann arrived.

A discussion ensued over the artwork for the Children's Room. The Board asked the Library Director to thank Ms. Haavisto for thinking of the library, but that unfortunately the artwork does not meet the criteria for the Children's Room.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to accept the other gifts. The **motion was seconded** by Betsy McKinney. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

### Programs –

- On Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., the library will sponsor the program "Susan B. Anthony - The Invincible!" with Sally Matson. In this program, Susan B. Anthony is brought to life by performer Sally Matson. The play uses letters, speeches and diaries to highlight Miss Anthony's interactions with such notables as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Horace Greeley, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The program is being co-sponsored with the Londonderry Historical Society.
- On Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer "Silent Movie Performance with Richard Hughes". In this program, silent movie pianist Richard Hughes will provide a glimpse into cinematic history as he discusses the silent film industry and performs several sample musical pieces of the day. He will then present several short comedy films along with their musical accompaniment, including a Buster Keaton film, a Charlie Chaplin film, as well as the Laurel and Hardy comedy *Habeas Corpus*.
- On Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., the library presents Rob Velella as Nathaniel Hawthorne. In this program, actor Rob Velella portrays author Nathaniel Hawthorne. As Hawthorne, he will briefly introduce himself and then read from several of his well-known short stories such as "The Minister's Black Veil" and "The Birth-mark."

### Announcements -

- I was notified on June 14, 2011, that the contract to replace the roof was awarded John Daniels. The work on the roof began on June 28, 2011 and is still in process on July 28, 2011. The roofer notified the Library Director of an issue with the original roof on the south side of the building. There was no insulation along the soffits and both the roofer and Steve Cotton recommended that insulation be added. There are some ceiling tiles in the Reference area that got wet after the roof tarp was removed before some rain storms. These tiles will be replaced by the roofer.
- On June 15, 2011, the new website went live.
- The Town's auditors came on July 27, 2011 to begin the audit on the library.

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### **Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:**

- The summer reading programs are having another successful year. The Children's Summer Reading Program has signed up over 1,200 children who have already read nearly 9,000 books. There were a total of 39 children's programs and activities in July with a total of 2,424 participants.
- The special programs each week have been well attended. The Luau and the Traveling Tide Pool were very popular.
- The Young Adult Summer Reading Program has signed up over 450 teens who have already read over 1,500 books. The weekly programs have been well attended by an enthusiastic group of teens. Among the most popular so far have been the movie night and the book discussion, both of them of *Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*. This is the first book in a series by Rick Riordan that is almost as popular as the Harry Potter books.
- Coming up in August, the Children's Summer Reading Program has several special programs. On Wednesday, August 10 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. the Traveling Storyteller will be sharing *Nanuk's Arctic Adventure* and some tales of the frozen north. The summer program wraps up on Wednesday August 17 and Thursday, August, 18 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 2:00-3:00 p.m. on both days, with a visit from the world traveling pigs, Toot & Puddle. Attendees who have reached their reading goal may pick up their prize bags at the shows. Everyone has until close on Saturday, September 10 to reach their goal and pick up their prize bag.
- The Young Adult Summer Reading Program features a movie night on Thursday, August 4 from 5:00-7:15 p.m. with *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. The remaining Thursday evenings are from 6:00-7:00 p.m. On Thursday, August 11 *Movie or Books?* discusses the differences between the books you have read and movies based on them. On Thursday, August 18 come and share your favorite books and characters in *A World of Books*. The program wraps up with a pizza party and raffle on Thursday, August 25. Reading logs for the Janice Anagnos Memorial Prize must be turned in by close on Saturday, September 3. This prize and certificate will be awarded to the teen who read the most books from June 1 to September 3, 2011.

### **Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:**

- Our Adult Summer Reading Program is well underway. We have nearly 400 participants who have earned over 1300 raffle tickets for books they have read. We have given away 16 prizes so far in our weekly drawings and also have two winners for our first two trivia contests. It's not too late to register for this fun program and the chance to win prizes!
- We have our third installment of the Summer Reading Program's 'Novel Destinations' on display this month. We have made our way to Europe and Asia

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where you will find books, travel books, and DVDs set in these continents. A few titles include The Matchmaker of Kenmare set in Ireland during World War II; The Paris Wife based on the life of Ernest Hemingway and his wife; The Calligrapher's Daughter, the story of family traditions in early twentieth century Korea; and Under Fishbone Clouds, a love story during the Cultural Revolution of China. Our third trivia contest available on the display table is a simple geographical crossword puzzle.

**Old Business:**

- Roof Replacement

This was discussed under the Director's Report.

**New Business:**

- Plaque from the Southern NH Indian Pathfinders

Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp informed the Board that she has been contacted by the Southern NH Indian Pathfinders. This is a local father-daughter organization. Each year they award a plaque to the outstanding father of the year. The group wants to display the plaque in the library. A discussion ensued. The Board agreed to accept the plaque on an interim basis to be located either in the downstairs lobby or in the meeting room.

- Proposed FY 12-13 Budget

Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp distributed the preliminary FY 12-13 Budget. She explained how she came up with her recommendations.

- Resignation of Library Trustee Karen Goodman

Chair Vicki Stachowske informed the Board that she has received Karen Goodman's resignation as she no longer lives in town. She explained that in accordance with RSAs, the Board may recommend a replacement to the Town Council for appointment. The replacement will fill the position through March 2012, until the next election. A discussion ensued.

A **motion** was made by Betsy McKinney to recommend the appointment of William Bringhurst to the Library Board of Trustees. The **motion was seconded** by John Velliquette. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

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**Non Public Session:**

**Enter Non Public Session**

Chair Vicki Stachowske requested a roll call vote to enter Non Public Session pursuant RSA 91-A:3 II, subparagraph (a), the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

**Roll Call Vote:** Aye, Pauline Caron; Aye, Vicki Stachowske; Aye, William Feldmann; Aye, Robert Collins; Aye, John Velliquette.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to allow Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp and Sally Nelson to attend non public session as the subject pertains. The **motion was seconded** by William Feldmann. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

The Board entered Non Public Session at 7:55 p.m.

**Exit Non Public Session**

Chair Vicki Stachowske requested a motion to exit Non Public Session. Pauline Caron made a **motion** at 8:12 p.m. to exit Non Public Session. The **motion was seconded** by John Velliquette. Board's **vote** 5-0-0.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to accept the recommendation of the library staff. The **motion was seconded** by William Feldmann. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

A **motion** was made at 8:13 p.m. by William Feldmann to adjourn the meeting. The **motion was seconded** by John Velliquette. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Notes by: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Sally Nelson, Kathy Mague

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson Date: August 3, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson  
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services