

Abbott Library Board of Trustees Minutes
Abbott Library – January 20, 2015
Draft

Trustees: Terri Jillson White, Chair; Peter Urbach, Assistant Chair; John Wilson, Treasurer; James Gottling, Secretary, Xan Gallup; and Tom Mickle
Alternates: Denise Bressette and Jane Frawley
Director: Mary Danko
Others: Sue Gottling, Selectman; Dick Katz, Friends Chair; John Augustine, Lois Gallup, and Anne Nilsen

I. Chair's Remarks – Terri White

Terri called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She said that Denise Bressette would sit in for Jim Currier, who had an excused absence.

II. Approval of Minutes – Jim Gottling

A December 16, 2014 – There were no corrections to the minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting. John Wilson moved, with second by Tom Mickle, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 as drafted. This motion passed unanimously.

III. Report from the Friends of the Abbott Library (FAL) – Dick Katz

Dick Katz reported that when the FAL approved the donation to the library to purchase a 3D printer they had no idea what was being approved. At last night's meeting, conducted by Mary Danko and Steve Nilsen, the approximately 30 people who attended were mesmerized to see what this 3D printer could do. The Friends are pleased with their donation.

The Friends have a meeting scheduled for the 25th of February at 5:30 p.m. in the Abbott Library.

IV. Report from the Abbott Library Foundation (ALF)

Although she was not present at the recent ALF meeting, Terri said that the gala event originally scheduled for July 23, 2015 has been moved to July 16, 2015 to avoid a conflict with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust event scheduled for the 23rd. Peter asked if the ALF plans to use this event to raise funds to purchase and install a backup generator for the library. Terri indicated that the ALF may not want to use this event for that purpose, so the ALF would need to be encouraged to raise funds through further efforts for the backup generator, as the trustees have requested.

V. Treasurer's Report – John Wilson

A Review Financials – John Wilson said that the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for January through December 2014 remains \$4,676.03 under budget. There remain funds still to come from the town, and the town has not billed the library for insurance. Mary said that there is an Amazon bill that has to be added to the statement. John expressed thanks to Mary for having kept both the old and new libraries close to the budget.

B Review/Approve Bill Manifest – John said that the total for the Manifest of Bills for November 6 through December 31, 2014 is \$19,442.82. Xan Gallup, with second by Denise Bressette, moved to approve this manifest. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Director's Report – Mary Danko

Mary Danko said that she was excited by the increases in the library statistics, noting that Patron (Library Visits) was up 86%; Meeting Room Usage, first recorded, was substantial; and New Registrations up 270%. She added that she was interviewed by YCN about the new library, and that the Bumble Bee program and 3D printer work have received good publicity. Procedure for out-of-hours use of the meeting room needs work on details. She plans to keep the parking lot lights on until 9:30 p.m. She and Joyce attended a workshop given by Bobbi Schlosser of the NH Department of Libraries on MakerSpace programming, and she plans to do more of this programming.

VII. Chair's Report – Terri White

Terri reported that she, Mindy, and Mary would hold a program on Tuesday, January 27 from 10 to 12 a.m. at the library to tell about 48 library people about our library construction project.

She mentioned that the filing period for town office runs from January 21st to 30th and trustee terms of Jim Gottling, Tom Mickle, and John Wilson end in March. Jim and John are not running for reelection. Denise Bressette will be running for election as a trustee. If anyone else wishes to run they should see the Town Clerk and sign the forms at the town office during the filing period.

Terri said that the Town Deliberative Session will be on February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the SMHS Gym, and that voting will be all day on March 10 at the Sherburne Gym.

VIII. Old Abbott Library – White/Danko/Urbach

Cy Pres Petition Update – Peter reported that we are probably finished with the lawyers. The remaining issue is negotiation between the town and the library, hopefully face-to-face without the lawyer's involvement. A proposal for the division of equity has been sent to the Selectman. We hope next month to report that an agreement about the amount of the library equity has been reached. Terri noted that the state's AG has stated that an appraisal of the library was not necessary, and the assessed value of the library can be used as its equity value. When the equity decision has been decided, the cy pres petition needs to be rewritten and returned to the AG's office.

IX. Old Business/Other Business – None

X. Public Comment

John Augustine asked about the library's out-of-hours meeting room operational details and statistics of the library.

XI. Adjournment

Xan Gallup, with second by Denise Bressette, moved to adjourn. This motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James G Gottling, Secretary