

Abbott Library Board of Trustees Minutes
Abbott Library February 17, 2015
APPROVED

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

I Chair's Remarks - Terri White

Terri called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She said that the trustee's name tags were missing.

II Approval of Minutes - Jim Gottling

January 20, 2015 - There were no corrections to the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting. Xan Gallup moved, with second by Terri White, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting as drafted. This motion passed unanimously.

III Report from the Friends of the Abbott Library - Dick Katz

Dick Katz reported that donations to the Friends continue to come in. A meeting of the Friends of the Abbott Library is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 25 at the Abbott Library. Dick is confident that the new library promotes much support for the Friends.

IV Report from the Abbott Library Foundation (ALF)

The ALF has not had a meeting since our last meeting. Terri said that their next meeting is scheduled for March 4th.

V Treasurer's Report - John Wilson

Review Financials - John Wilson reported that the library finances are about \$2,700.00 under budget for one month, but two month's checks from the town have not been delivered. Those checks are supposed to arrive this week. Jim Currier asked about coffee money. Mary thought the coffee money may be on another line, but she will check into that.

Review/Approve Bill Manifest - With a balance of \$9,422.04 as of February 16, 2015, Jim Currier, with 2nd by Xan Gallup, moved to approve the Manifest of Bills, January 1 through February 16, 2015. This motion passed unanimously.

VI Director's Report - Mary Danko

Mary Danko commented about a discrepancy she had noted about the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) statistics.

Better tracking will be used about volunteers' hours. The punch list is nearly complete. Some painting remains and a white board needs to be installed. Mary said that with the added space the library staff is working more efficiently.

Peter made three points:

- The ILL report should compare the incoming vs. outgoing ILL loans.
- The volunteering hours were too low.
- The library's 3D printer should receive greater publicity.

Several noted that Jean Wilson and Steve Nilsen might not be reporting their time!

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VII. Book Sale Committee Update - Xan Gallup

Xan reported about the Book Sale Committee's meeting on February 11, where they spoke about the gathering and sorting of the books to be sold. Terri White, John Wilson, Mary Danko, Jane Frawley, Lois Gallup, and Xan Gallup were at the meeting. As a result of their meeting, Xan Gallup moved at our meeting, with 2nd by Jim Currier, that the trustees approve coordination of the sorting and sale of books at the Old Abbott Library (OAL,) with selectman's coordination, over a period of time through the 2015 season and having book sale events at various times. This motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Chair's Report - Terri White

Terri noted the upcoming Sunapee Seniors candidate's forum prior to voting day. She added that there were four people running for three library trustee positions: Tom Mickle, Denise Bressette, Carol Lee Brudnicki, and Jane Frawley (Vote for not more than Three.) Jim and John are not running for reelection, but Tom is running for reelection. Terri said that after the election the trustees would need to elect officers for this next period. She said that she would be willing to serve as Chair, but would work hard on the board in any event.

Terri thanked Jim Gottling and John Wilson for their work on the board as Secretary and treasurer, and also thanked Xan Gallup, who has always stepped up to run the book sale.

IX. Old Abbott Library - White/Danko/Urbach

Cy-Pres Petition Update - Peter Urbach reported a substantial update regarding the cy-pres petition. An agreement has been reached with the town such that the equity in the old Abbott Library building would reside 69% with the library trustees and 31% with the town. As agreed by the state's Attorney General, the equity value would be based on the assessed value of the building adjusted for equalization rate, which is \$348,000. As a result, the library equity would be

\$240,120 and the town equity would be \$107,880. The agreement included an understanding that the town would receive full credit for a federal grant of funds in 1984. In turn, the town would not receive credit for the installation of replacement windows and flooring which are considered maintenance items.

Nashawaty will present a similar motion to the selectboard Monday night. Once both parties have agreed to the proposed settlement, the town's attorney will be instructed to draft a cy-pres petition that embodies the agreement. The attorneys advise that the court is unlikely to render an opinion unless final settlement is at hand, that is the funds are available to complete the settlement. To get around that problem, the petition will ask the court to grant the petition, contingent on subsequent settlement of the funds.

Based on these considerations, Peter Urbach moved, with 2nd by John Wilson, the following motion...

Motion to Accept Town-Library Agreement on Equity Sharing for Old Library Building

Whereas, the Town of Sunapee (Town) represented by the Town Manager and the Abbott Library (Library) represented by the Vice Chair of the Library Board of Trustees have reached an Agreement on the division of equity in the Old Abbot Library Building (Building) and,

Whereas, the Town and the Library agree to base the division of equity in the Building on the capital investments made in the Building by each party with each

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investment adjusted for inflation from the year the investment is made to the year 2014 and,

Whereas, the Town and the Library agree to base the division of equity on the assessed value of the Building adjusted for the equalization rate at a value of \$348,000 and,

Whereas, this Agreement results in the Town receiving a 31% share in the equity and the Library receiving a 69% share in the equity so that the Town equity is \$107,880 and the Library equity is \$240,120 and,

Whereas, the Trustees of the Library believe this Agreement fairly protects the interests of the Library,

Now Therefore, the Trustees of the Library accept this Agreement as an agreement entered into by the Board of Trustees of the Library.

This motion passed unanimously. A document that shows the analysis of the library and town equity interest is attached to these minutes.

X. Old Business/Other Business - None

XI. Public Comment - None

XII. Adjourn to Non-Public Session 91-A:3 IIa - Dismissal, Promotion or Compensation of any public employee

Terri moved, with second by Jim Currier, to enter Nonpublic Session, specifying RSA 91-A:3, II (a) as the reason. This motion passed with a unanimously roll call vote and the Nonpublic Session opened at 7:23 p.m.

Upon passing of a motion with roll call vote to return from Nonpublic Session at 7:30 p.m. by Xan Gallup, with 2nd by Terri Jillson White, Terri indicated that the minutes of the Nonpublic Session had been sealed permanently by roll call vote.

XIII. Adjournment

Jim Currier moved, with second by John Wilson, to adjourn. With unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James G Gottling, Secretary

Attachment

