

*Abbott Library Trustees  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday – October 26, 2010  
Meeting at Bradford, NH Library*

Members Present: Terri Jillson White, Tracy Nangeroni, Peter Urbach, John Wilson  
Alternates: Mary Epreman, Jean Molloy and Anne Nilsen  
Also: John Walden, Director  
Members Excused: Barbara Chalmers, Rhonda Gurney & Faith Reney

Attendees from Bradford: Meg Fearnley, Librarian; Maggie Ainslie, Former Librarian and Dick Keller, Former Trustee.

The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m. with the Bradford attendees providing Sunapee attendees with an overview of their process and a question and answer exchange between the two groups. Information included:

\* The idea for new library space was discussed in the 1970's and a Building Committee was established in 1993 with two failed alternate sites between that time and 1996. Trustees reconvened and began review of their current site for an addition and determined that was a logical step. A small parcel of land adjacent to the current site was purchased. Once it was determined to add on the current building, more people were on board with their project as many people were already comfortable with the current site.

\*They interviewed 6 architects for their project and ultimately hired Peter Tennant of Tennant/Wallace from Manchester, NH. They were very impressed with his involvement in the project, how he worked with them and the way he tied the new building to the old so that it did not look like an addition.

\*Contractor was Bruss Construction in Bradford, NH. It helped having a local contractor involved in the project and they felt this builder went above and beyond to assist them.

\*Total Construction Project was \$299,000. \$50,000 was raised through private contributions and the remainder was paid for from funds from a library capital reserve fund and other fundraising activities [thrift shop/dinners, etc.] The Trustees had all monies in hand before beginning project.

\*Library was closed for 6 months for renovation/addition.

\*A storage container was used to store books. The Boy Scouts and volunteer labor were used to organize and store books in the storage container.

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\*Square Footage prior to construction was 1000 and after construction is 3000. Library is housed on one floor. They do have an unfinished basement and have not finished due to the additional staffing which would be required for that floor. The unfinished space presently houses their ongoing Book Sale.

\*Bradford Members Stressed the importance of all Trustees working together to ensure a successful project.

\*Library Visit Questionnaire Attached with additional information as well as Bradford Library Campaign Letter

After a tour of the facility, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Jillson White, Chair