

George H. Stowell Library Trustee Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)  
Tuesday, May 3, 2022  
6:00 pm  
(at the Stowell Library)

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at Richard Scheuer, Kathi Patterson, and Stephanie McAndrew were present. Laura Cousineau was absent. Citizens Present: Judith Kaufman
2. Approval of minutes - Richard moved, Kathi seconded to approve the minutes for Tuesday, March 29, 2022 (joint w/Exploratory Committee); Sunday, April 3, 2022 (trustees), Tuesday, April 5 (joint w/Tom Ladd), and Tuesday, April 19 (joint w/Exploratory Committee). All voted in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report - Kathi reported a balance of \$12,039.05 in the checking account as of 05/03/22 and a balance of \$17,738.79 in the Building Fund account as of 04/22/22. A total \$19,941.23 has been spent from that account.
4. Librarian's Report - Stephanie reported that the library is now open on Tuesdays from 3-6 pm with Deanna Fitch as the library aide on duty. The metal detector has been received and is already signed out. The May newsletter has been published. There will be rock painting at the library on Wednesday as part of Screen Free week, the Mocktail event for parents is scheduled at the Cornish Store building with help from the Friends of the Cornish Library, and Summer Reading events are being scheduled.
5. Old Business
  - a. Richard had contacted Heidi earlier, but she told him she had not received a report yet. Since there was no report from Tom Ladd yet there was nothing to review. Kathi will contact Mr. Ladd for an update.
  - b. Richard has agreed to serve on the MA-KE subcommittee with Dillon Gallagher, Larry Dingee, and Caroline Storrs that will be exploring the new request for renovations to the library building. He felt that the contract the Select Board signed was a construction contract because it listed all the phases of the proposed renovation project.
  - c. The date has been set for the at July 23 at the Cornish Town Hall for the Library Exploratory Committee forum. Gwyn Gallagher will moderate. Time still needs to be determined.
6. New Business
  - a. Kathi moved and Richard seconded that we accept the donation of \$75 from the Hanover Garden Club. The vote was in favor.
  - b. Discussion of the when, what, who of the brochure to be mailed to all Cornish households was put on hold until Laura returns. Kathi offered to work with her to develop the format and content

- c. A date, place, and time for the open forum with Banwell was also put on hold until Laura returns.
  - d. Kathi handed out the newest data from Banwell on the electric/heating costs from WV Engineering Associates. She pointed out that the hours of operation will need to be adjusted. Richard felt that adjustments can be made by percentages.
- 7. Other Business
  - a. We reviewed the Ashland Library Trustee request for lawyer advice but felt that their situation did not pertain to our situation as we would be moving to a completely renovated space at no cost to Cornish taxpayers.
- 8. Correspondence
  - a. Kathi read the NH Municipal Association advice on trustee quorum and Right To Know law
- 9. Citizen Comments
  - a. Judith commented that she felt the debate about moving the library should be an economic decision. A completed renovated and donated building would be much more economical than the cost of charging the taxpayers to renovate the current building.
- 10. Next Meeting Date is to be determined.
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathi Patterson, Acting Secretary