

George H. Stowell Free Library Trustees' Report
2023

2023 was a busy year for the library. The trustees:

- developed the 2023 operating budget that included a line item for library programming and increased costs for electricity and heat;
- supported the petitioned warrant article asking the Town to accept the donation of the renovated and furnished former Cornish General Store property as a new home for the Town's library;
- attended house meetings to educate Cornish citizens about their choices for library renovations in preparation for the 2023 Town Meeting;
- held open houses at the Stowell building and the former general store in anticipation of the Town vote to accept Colleen O'Neill's generous donation;
- developed an Accident Procedure policy, a Food and Beverage policy, refined the Security and Safety policy, and added them to the By-Laws and Policies manual;
- said goodbye to library trustee, Richard Scheuer, who had served for 12 years;
- welcomed Marie DeRusha, the newly-elected library trustee;
- considered what planning would be necessary for making the move to the new library;
- considered what planning would be necessary for the care and conveyance of the Stowell building through the *Cy Pres* process after the new library is completed;
- approved a Right-to-Know statement to be included with trustee emails to the public;
- began the strategic planning process with the approval of the name, "A Library for All: Transitioning to Future Spaces for the New Cornish Library and Community Center" and the development of subcommittees;
- attended the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association spring conference;
- met with Heidi Jaarsma who explained that Andrew Cushing of the N. H. Preservation Alliance would be helping her complete the paperwork for adding the Stowell building to the N. H. Register of Historic Buildings;

Respectfully submitted by the Library Trustees,
Laura Cousineau, Marie DeRusha, Kathryn Patterson

ACCOUNT	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING (XX149)	\$40.95	\$42,397.41	\$41,052.35	\$1,386.01
BUILDING FUND (XX251)	\$14,722.60	\$4.42	\$0.00	\$14,727.02
DONATIONS (XX357)	\$5,708.06	\$175.68	\$4572.24	\$1,311.50
NON-LAPSING (XX520)	\$2,859.60	\$1,197.75	\$1,264.08	\$2,618.24
GRANTS	\$0.00	\$1,197.00	\$1,021.97	\$175.03
PALMER-NORELL (XX100)	\$1,006.58	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$1,006.88
TOTALS	\$24,337.79	\$43,775.56	\$46,888.67	\$21,224.68