

## George H. Stowell Free Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the George H. Stowell Free Library

**PRESENT: Trustees:** Laura Cousineau, Kathi Patterson, Marie De Rusha **Librarian:** Stephanie McAndrew **Citizens:** Judith Kaufman, Bill Gallagher, Karen Gillock, Nancy Wightman

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Announcements of election results.
3. Moved to Non-Public Session in accord with Section 91-A:3, paragraphs II, a, c, and e. Citizens in attendance moved outside for the discussion. Returned to Public Session at 6:40. Citizens returned to inside the Library.
4. Minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting were approved.
5. New Business:
  - a. Accept donations (\$20.00 for a damaged book went into the Non-Lapsing account.)
  - b. Discussion on Article za of \$42,717 and Article 8, Library Capital Reserve of \$5,000 was brief.

### 6. Librarian's Report:

There will be an eclipse presentation by Matthew Lewis on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. On Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 adult craft night will take place for Pysanky egg dying fun at the Cornish General Store. There is a barn dance scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### 7. Treasure's Report

- a. Building Fund balance as of 2/28/2024 is \$14,727.42
- b. Checkbook balance as of 3/15/2024 is \$1,440.65
- c. Donation Fund as of 2/28/2024 is \$1,532.33
- d. Non-Lapsing Fund as of 2/28/2024 is \$2,854.97
- e. Palmer Fund as of 2/28/2024 is \$1,006.93
- f. Tasker Grant as of 2/28/2024 is \$175.03

### 8. Old Business:

CCI update from Laura from their March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Construction and bidding were discussed. The CCI decided not to pause the renovation process after bidding begins. Renovation would likely begin 2026. Construction is projected to take 12 months. Allowance will need to be made for unforeseen issues with the current structure. An estimate for a roof solar installment came to around \$67,000.

9. There was no other business to discuss.

10. There was no new correspondence.

11. Citizen Comments.

Judith mentioned the Friends of the Library have been raising funds for various Library programs and events.

12. Next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the George H. Stowell Free Library.

13. Adjournment was at 7:09