

1 MADISON LIBRARY
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
3 SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 @ 3:30 PM
4 JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
5 DRAFT MINUTES
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7 ATTENDING: Betty Fernandes, Mary Holmes, Bruce Kennedy, Cheryl Littlefield, Karen Lord,
8 Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, Linda Smith, Peter Stevens; Susan Lee, Friends of the Library;
9 Sloane Jarell, Library Director

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11 CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cheryl Littlefield called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.
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13 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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15 August 21, 2024 Regular Meeting: Motion by Christina McAllister to approve the
16 minutes of 8-21-2024, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed 4-0-0 with 4 abstaining.
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18 REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Christina McAllister said the Budget Drawdown
19 looks good and the budget looks fine; investments are doing well.
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21 Motion by Peter Stevens to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion
22 passed unanimously and the report was accepted and filed for audit.
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24 LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:
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- 26 • The statistics look good.
- 27 • One Book One Valley will be coming in October and we have an Author's Event coming
28 up as well.
- 29 • We will be participating in Halloween Town again this year.
- 30 • There will be a NH Coop meeting this week. Ossipee will be in the group starting in
31 November. Today was the Carroll County Coop meeting.
- 32 • The Joint Management Loss Committee meeting will take place next week.
- 33 • The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Grant that was awarded to the Madison
34 Elementary School included \$500 worth of children's books for our library.
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36 Christina McAllister asked if we have a second quote for the Children's Room A/C and Sloane
37 said she should have one tomorrow.
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39 GALLERY: Gaie Mitchell
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41 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee:
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- 43 • The program on September 19 is "Live Free or Die: The contested history of the words on
44 your license plate."

- 45 • The Friends' Annual meeting has changed from April to October and will take place on
46 October 15 this year, to be followed by the program, "Granite State Stories: Benjamin
47 Champney, Mt. Washington, and Concord Coach."
- 48 • We are working on the Friends' budget for 2025.
- 49 • We are planning programs for 2025, to include Ann and David Wilkins, who are
50 returning, and we will ask Sarah Groleau to come back. There will be New Hampshire
51 Humanities programs as well.
- 52 • John and Ann Filson continue to support the library.
- 53 • We have received a donation in honor of Sandra Carr and one in honor of Jan Eskedal.
- 54 • There will be a Book Sale this Saturday, including a large selection of books on Native
55 Americans.

57 Christina McAllister noted that the Freedom Historical Society is presenting a program on "The
58 History of Purity Springs Resort." It was agreed that this would be a popular program to have in
59 Madison as well.

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61 OLD BUSINESS:

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63 FOML – Generator for the Library: A bid was discussed. Cheryl Littlefield suggested
64 obtaining more than one bid, but after discussion it was agreed by the board that it would be
65 appropriate to go with the current bid. Sloane said the quote we have is the same as the town
66 and we can be on the same maintenance schedule. The placement of the generator was
67 discussed.

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69 Motion by Peter Stevens to place the generator right outside the Chick Room, seconded by Bruce
70 Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.

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72 Motion by Christina McAllister to accept the funds for the generator from the Friends, seconded
73 by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.

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75 Children's Room A/C: Already discussed.

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77 NEW BUSINESS

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79 Library Evaluation: Tabled for this meeting.

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81 Budget Discussion and Warrant Article: Sloane said she has not received a budget
82 worksheet from the town yet. Looking at the lines in the Budget Drawdown to see where
83 adjustments may be needed, she said Downloadable Books are going up, as well as electronic
84 materials; Books and Audio Books are going up; the Program line is increasing, mainly due to
85 supplies for programs; and Fuel costs may need to be adjusted. Sloane said we will work on a
86 warrant article to cover the cost of making the front door handicapped-compliant. Peter Stevens
87 noted that there should be a second exit from the Chick Room.

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89 NHLTA – Ossipee Public Library, Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 AM (deadline to register
90 9/27)

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92 Bookmobile: Still moving forward, although the Madison Library is not part of it.

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94 OTHER BUSINESS: None.

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96 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Christina McAllister to adjourn, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The
97 motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

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99 Next Meeting: October 16, 2024 @ 3:30 PM

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101 Town of Madison

102 Board of Library Trustees Draft Minutes

103 September 18, 2024

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105 Respectfully submitted,

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108 Patricia Ambrose

109 Recording Secretary

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