

1 MADISON LIBRARY
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
3 DECEMBER 18, 2024 @ 3:30 PM
4 JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
5 DRAFT MINUTES
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7 ATTENDING: Betty Fernandes, Mary Holmes (via remote), Bruce Kennedy, Cheryl Littlefield,
8 Karen Lord, Patti Rau, Linda Smith; Sloane Jarell, Library Director
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10 CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cheryl Littlefield called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM.
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12 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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14 November 20, 2024, Regular Meeting: Motion by Linda Smith to approve the minutes of
15 11/20/2024, seconded by Patti Rau. The motion passed unanimously.
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17 REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Christina McAllister was not present at the meeting.
18 It was noted that the Budget Drawdown is at 86.82% and the final bill payment of the year will
19 go out tomorrow.
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21 LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:
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- 23 • We've had a busy month, with many activities going on, but we are now slowing down for
24 the holidays.
- 25 • The tree lighting was wonderful.
- 26 • We have received no requests to meet with the Advisory Budget Committee.
- 27 • Cam will be out for surgery. Since Cam hardly ever uses her vacation time, the board
28 agreed to allow this time out to be used as vacation time.
- 29 • The NNHLC quarterly meeting was moved to February. This will be the first meeting to
30 include the Ossipee Library.
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32 GALLERY: Joe Callanan
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34 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: The January 16, 2025 program will be "Late in Arriving, How
35 Electricity Changed Rural America," a NHH program on Zoom, 7:00 PM.
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37 OLD BUSINESS
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39 FOML – Generator for the Library: Waiting for a contractor to level the placement area
40 for the generator. The wiring has been done.
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42 Children's Room A/C: Installation has been completed.
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44 Substitute: Two subs have been hired and have been in a couple of times.
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46 Budget and Warrant Article: Sloane said this is still a rough draft copy. She said we have
47 applied for a grant for part of the cost of the door but we won't know the results until April.
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49 NEW BUSINES

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51 Investment Policy: Tabled for this meeting.
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53 Outdoor Signage Policy: Sloane said she checked into the town policy on signs and found
54 that there is nothing regarding political signs. She said signs are approved or disapproved by the
55 Selectmen. The person holding the Felting class will charge for materials but will waive her fee.
56 Patti Rau suggested that the wording on the signage policy could be a little stronger; she
57 suggested that it be stated: "The outdoor sandwich sign will be limited to promoting library
58 programs."
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60 Motion by Bruce Kennedy to accept the suggested policy amendment, seconded by Karen
61 Lord. The motion passed unanimously.
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63 OTHER BUSINESS: The State Librarian position was discussed.
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65 Motion by Karen Lord to support Mindy Atwood for State Librarian, seconded by Linda
66 Smith. The motion passed unanimously.
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68 ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Patti Rau. The motion
69 passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.
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71 Next Meeting: January 15, 2025, @ 3:30 PM
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73 Town of Madison
74 Board of Library Trustees Draft Minutes
75 December 18, 2024
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77 Respectfully submitted,
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80 Patricia Ambrose
81 Recording Secretary