

MADISON LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2025 @ 3:30 PM  
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM  
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Betty Fernandes, Mary Holmes, Bruce Kennedy, Cheryl Littlefield, Karen Lord, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, Linda Smith, Peter Stevens; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cheryl Littlefield called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 15, 2025, Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes of 1-15-2025, seconded by Karen Lord. There were two changes of wording. With those changes, the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Christina McAllister said she thought the budget looked good. The board agreed.

Motion by Peter Stevens to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously and the report was accepted and filed for audit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- The Statistics look very good, especially for January when attendance usually slows. Instead, attendance was excellent and circulation was really great.
- Downloadable Books have been renewed. Passes for the Portland Art Museum and the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center have been renewed as well, thanks to the Friends.
- Upcoming programs include Dinner and a Movie, Story Hour, Book Discussion Group, Game Group, Mahjongg, Knitting Group, Bridge, and Cookbook Club.
- We are currently working on the Summer Reading Program.

GALLERY: Heidi Weismann.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: March 18: NHH program, "Sinking of the USS Indianapolis: Disaster and Survival in WWII," presented via Zoom by Michael Touglas, 7:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

FOML – Generator for the Library: Karen Lord and Bruce Kennedy offered to write a letter to the town asking for assistance in placing the generator.

Investment Policy – Sarah Groleau: On hold for now. Sloane said we are required to have an investment policy and it should reflect what we are doing.

Madison Master Plan Update: No update yet.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Budget Meeting Update: Sloane said that no one questioned the warrant article for the door.

Amended Coop Bylaws: Annual meeting to be held on April 2 to adopt any changes. The bylaws are in the board packet for review. Sloane said the only change was an added clause about a conflict of interest. She said this is to ensure that the Coop could become a fundable entity. This will go back to the board in March.

Annual NNHLC Meeting – 1 Trustee Needed, April 2 @ 5:00 PM.

Town Meeting – Saturday, March 15.

National Library Week Open House – April 7: Patti Rau suggested publicizing this in the Conway Daily Sun.

OTHER BUSINESS: Cheryl and Bruce will not be here for the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to adjourn, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2025, @ 3:30 PM

Town of Madison  
Board of Library Trustees Approved Minutes  
February 19, 2025  
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose  
Recording Secretary