

Thayer Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2021

Attending: Amanda Lunt, Paul Taylor, Chris Faucher, Kim Valcourt, Jennifer Bellan

Convened: 7:00pm

Discussion about RSA governing acceptance of large donations. Lunt said the Montgomery donation is registered in ledger as books. Bellan asked if there is record of town voting to allow committees and boards to accept larger donations, even those less than the cut off of \$5000 (as mentioned in Library Trustees Manual). This is possibly not an issue as the town has done this vote, but it was decided that Bellan would write a request to the town for clarification for our records. Request to be approved at next meeting.

Librarians report submitted:

Bellan asked if librarian didn't attend board meetings. Questions could come up where it would be helpful to have librarian available to answer. Board asked librarian to join this meeting, which she obliged. Faucher suggested librarian should be paid for her attendance—point not pursued at the moment. Valcourt suggested writing questions on back of librarian's report. Decided that librarian would email report before board meeting so questions (if any) can be prepared.

Bellan asked librarian for print out of annual submission to NH State Library's Public Library Statistics Survey. Librarian will have it at a future date. Ultimately, print out to be included with budget worksheets for the year.

Sign for outside. Decided that Taylor could refurbish the existing one. Some materials may be needed, but refinishing the existing plywood is possible. Taylor can furnish paint.

librarytechnology.org notes Jennifer Bellan as director of Thayer Public Library. Current librarian should be able to change it.

NH Magazine subscription approved.

Librarian is in contact with State of NH Tourism so library can receive area points of interest brochures and other tourist information to have on hand for visitors to town and covered bridge. Coffee to be provided as a welcoming gesture.

Possible story time via ZOOM between Thayer and Winchester Learning Center! Waiting to hear from Roberta Royce (director).

Discussion on how to handle reimbursements between librarian and trustees. Taylor suggested a renewable debit card, but was decided to open a librarian's discretionary fund checking account in the amount of \$200. Faucher motioned for approval, Lunt 2nd, all affirm.

Librarian's report accepted.

August board meeting minutes: Bellan added information from librarian's report to complete minutes (name of place where Montgomery donation went, number of people attending reptile event). Faucher motioned to accept, all affirm.

Budget: Lunt provided worksheets for members to review and to enter proposals for individual lines. Members would have to meet again before audit finalized and sent before September 18th request date by town.

Taylor said approximately \$2800 remaining for possible expenditures. Suggested library get a projector (capable of outdoor projection) and 2 more computers. Taylor moved for approval, Lunt 2nd, all affirm.

Proposed agenda items for next board meeting: hiring person for website creation, winter maintenance, yearly library goals.

Adjourned: 8:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M Bellan

Board Secretary

Approved: November 16, 2021