

George H. Stowell Free Library Trustee Meeting Amended Minutes

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

PRESENT: Trustees: Kathi Patterson, Laura Cousineau, Marie De Rusha **CITIZENS:** Merilynn Bourne, Patrick O'Grady, Alicia Simino, Barbara Cieslicki, Brian Meyette

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:03
2. The evening's agenda was reviewed and approved.
3. The vote on the June 12th meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting. Meeting minutes from June 18, July 1, and July 24 were approved.
4. The Librarian's report was not available
5. Treasurer's report was read aloud. There were few changes outside of interest earned. A \$20 donation was made and funds were used from the non-lapsing account in the amount of \$175.
6. Review of the NHCTU (New Hampshire Charitable Trust Unit)
Laura contacted NHCTU regarding Brian Meyette's request for his mother's donation to be returned. The NHCTU responded "I recommend that the Town consider contacting its attorney regarding whether, the Town should file a petition for cy pres with respect to the Meyette funds and whether any funds spent should be restored to the fund." Merilynn recommended contacting New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) before spending money on a lawyer for input before contacting NHCTU. Laura made a motion to allow her to contact NHMA for legal guidance and the set up a meeting with NHCTU. Motion passed.
7. Follow up with the Board of Selectmen's (BOS) offer to spend remaining Covid Funds on well and septic. There have been two (2) bids on the well for the Stowell Library and zero (0) for the septic. BOS paid the \$300 owed to the state for registration thereby opening the septic to bids.
8. The joint meeting with BOS is scheduled for 6:30, August 21st at the Town Office. The same presentation given to the Trustees by Banwell Architects will be given at this meeting. This will be a work meeting but the public is invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to accept the changes to interior design to be consistent with the original.
9. CCI (Cornish Community Initiative) update can be found on their website.
10. New Business: NHLTA (New Hampshire Library Trustee Association) invited input for topics at their annual meeting in the spring. Laura requested any ideas. She considered a seminar in handling donation funds could be a suggestion for NHLTA.
11. Citizen's Comments:
Brian Meyette requested Laura send him all correspondence between NHCTU and the Trustees. Laura said she would send what was public record.

12. The next Trustee meeting will be a joint meeting with BOS on August 21st. NHMA needs to be contacted for advice before a meeting can be scheduled with NHCTU. If the Trustee meeting with the NHCTU is in person, it would be warned as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie De Rusha, secretary