George H. Stowell Free Library Trustee Meeting Draft Minutes

December 2, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the George H. Stowell Free Library

PRESENT: Trustees: Laura Cousineau, Kathi Patterson, Marie De Rusha **Librarian:** Lucy Applegate
CITIZENS: Heidi Jaarsma

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m.

2. The evening's agenda was reviewed and approved.

3. Motion: The George H. Stowell Free Library Trustees endorse the application to list the Stowell building on the NH State Historic Register (NH Division of Historic Resources). Laura made the motion to open for discussion, Kathi seconded. Heidi explained that Andrew Cushing of the NH Preservation Alliance submitted applications to the State Historic register for review. All five town buildings that were submitted were found eligible. The five buildings are the Records Building (the old Selectman's Office on School Street), the Town Office, the Little Town Hall, the Town Hall and the Stowell building. The Town Office did the application, Heidi did the research on all five buildings and Andrew put the applications together. Having these buildings on the register opens up eligibility to grants and although Heidi believes in the importance of accessibility it allows some leeway with ADA compliance. Kathi asked who would sign the application. Heidi stated that both the Trustees and Board of Selectmen (BOS) would sign two separate applications. BOS as "owner" of the building and the Trustees as "representatives". Having both sign is a show of unity. Laura made the motion we agree to sign the application, Kathi seconded. The vote passed unanimously. Kathi made copies of the application and its corresponding pages which is available at the Stowell Library.

4. The next Trustee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting, as always, is open to the public. The trustees will be reviewing the budget to present for the Town Report.

5. The meeting went into non-public session at 6:11 for Lucy's review.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie De Rusha
Secretary