Minutes of the Amherst Town Library Trustees’ Meeting
January 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Nancy Baker, Chair. In attendance were Nancy Baker, Liz Larson, Kim Ayers, Ted Krantz, Steve Mantius, Bill Cassidy, David Hallenbeck, Gretchen Pyles and Library Director, Amy Lapointe.

Approval of November Minutes: Ted Krantz moved to approve the November minutes; Steve Mantius seconded; the motion unanimously passed.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Statistics: The statistics were reviewed.

Programming: The slate of programs was reviewed; the first part of a five part series of workshops by SCORE regarding Overcoming Your Business Plan Anxiety was well attended; two part presentation about DNA testing regarding genealogy scheduled for January 23, 2019 and January 30, 2019; A Hands on Mixed Media workshop to be held on January 28, 2019 is full; the February 3, 2019 concert will focus on chamber music; an art talk about Love, Lust and Betrayal will be held on February 7, 2019; and Pairing Tea with Chocolate will be held on February 12, 2019.

Services: The iPads in the Children’s Room have been removed at this point; since moving them, more constructive play has been observed at the train table, etc.; the iPads do get used for Minecraft Club, but will not be available on a regular basis in the Children’s Room.

Friends of the Library: The Trivia Night will be held on April 6, 2019 at Hampshire Hills.

Patrons: We processed a request for an interlibrary loan from the Library of Congress.

Town: Dean Shankle started today as the new Town Administrator; the Deliberative Session will be held on February 6, 2019 at Souhegan High School.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The reports were reviewed; we are underspent to date due to retirement of reference librarian; no major changes to report.

OLD BUSINESS: The budget meeting to be held on January 14, 2019 is a preview of the Deliberative Session; Ted Krantz moved to approve the proposed budget of $997,621; Steve Mantius seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
The Space Plan proposal was discussed; Amy Lapointe and Sarah Leonardi are working with Stibler Associates, LLC to rethink work flow, etc.

**TRUSTEES’ REPORT:**

**Building & Grounds:** The painting of the downstairs and the book bins in the Children’s Room was completed; we now need to repaint the stairwell and the stair risers.

Kim Ayers moved to adjourn; Bill Cassidy seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Pyles, Secretary

**Next scheduled meeting:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Amherst Town Library.