Minutes of the Amherst Town Library Trustees’ Meeting  
February 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Nancy Baker, Chair. In attendance were Nancy Baker, Nancy Head, Ted Krantz, Rande Neukam, Gretchen Pyles, Steve Mantius, Kim Ayers, Liz Larson and Library Director Amy Lapointe.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Kim Ayers moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Public Hearing; Steve Mantius seconded. The minutes from the January 8, 2018 Public Hearing were unanimously approved. Kim Ayers moved to approve the January 8, 2018 meeting minutes; Rande Neukam seconded. The January 8, 2018 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Statistics: Statistics were reviewed.

Programming: Heavy programming season; great response to previous programs including the Laszlo Gardony Trio, Everest program and the stained glass workshop; discussed possibility of limiting reservations to only Amherst citizens in the future when programs are in high demand; children’s programs are going well; several programs planned for the February school vacation week; kids’ knitting group is a hit; and planning a Peeps diorama contest.

Town: The Town Deliberative Session was held on Thursday, February 8, 2018.

Technology: The town is narrowing options for a new phone system; Steve Mantius and Bill Cassidy are working on a spreadsheet to account for all of the library’s computer hardware.

Advocacy: There will be an ALA Advocacy Bootcamp for New Hampshire librarians and trustees on Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Hooksett Public Library.

Hours: The library did close early last Wednesday due to the snowstorm; and the library will be closed for President’s Day on February 19, 2018.

Friends of the Library: The Friends are looking for help with the Student Art Show and the Professional Art program.
TREASURER'S REPORT: New budget report reviewed; Liz Larson, Ted Krantz and Steve Mantius met and reviewed existing portfolio and discussed how to invest in the future; and income from the recent gift from the estate of Doris Jones will be divided between the funds we already own excluding the REIT Fund, and we will also invest approximately $10,000 in a European fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future Projects: We discussed possible improvements to the library; some ideas included scheduling a deeper cleaning of the library periodically, painting the lower level next winter, and inquiring about a new automatic door opener at the entrance.

Nancy Head moved to adjourn; Rande Neukam seconded; motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Pyles, Secretary

Next scheduled meeting: Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Amherst Town Library.