

EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY
Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2024

1. Call to Order: Call to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call: Kathy Corson (Chair), Jenny Medlock (Vice Chair, acting Secretary), Davis Moore, Lisa Wilson, Barbara Young, Kathy Boudreau, Sherry Kostenbader, Hope Godino (Director)

Absent: Sarah James, Linda Tober

2. Correspondence: None.

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Barbara Young motioned to accept the minutes from the February 20, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting. Lisa seconded. Minutes were approved.

4. Reports:

A) Director's Report:

- Beginning April 13, 2024, the library will remain open until 5pm on Saturdays.
- Solar eclipse glasses are available, one per family, at the library's main desk.
- SNHUG ukelele lesson and performance Saturday, March 30th from 10:00-11:30am.
- Lots of other events listed for April, including Alzheimer's Association presentation; *Night at the Library*; Poetry reading; *Walking the Camino de Santiago in Northern Spain*; Edward Jones presentation on Social Security; Cancer Discussions; and book discussion on Small Town, Big Oil. See Director's Report for details.
- AARP is available every day for tax preparation help from 11:00-4:00 until April 15th.
- Spring Craft Fair: Saturday, May 4 from 10:00-3:00, with a raffle hosted by the Friends of the Exeter Public Library.
- Teen Tuesday programs, youth book groups, Children's Room programs, and Open Art are very busy with events and activities. The Andrew Silver Circus Variety Show will perform Saturday, April 27th from 12:00-1:00,

sponsored by the Friends of the Exeter Public Library.

- Adult programs upstairs are going well and meeting regularly, including the weekly Language tables, the Cribbage group, American and Taiwanese Mahjong groups, Knitters, and the Stitches Guild.

B) Operating Budget:

- Collected amount from the copier has increased as public use continues. - Loan to Historical Society fully reimbursed.
- Appropriation from Town (non-salary) balance to be realized, however it is intended to be used in-full as approved during March's voting.

C) Buildings, Grounds, & Technology: Nothing to report.

D) Finance & Fundraising: Nothing to report.

E) Long-Range Plan: Ideas, suggestions, and member recommendations have started in the start of the new Long-Range Plan committee. Anticipated to begin this Fall 2024, the Long-Range Plan Committee will be comprised of approximately 12 Exeter residents of various backgrounds. Volunteers and recommended individuals will be mailed an informational letter regarding the committee and its purpose in order to help educate prospective members about the committee position.

F) Personnel & Policy: Nothing to report.

G) Friends: Friends' meetings will now be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in the Children's Room, beginning with the next meeting on April 16. Reminder of fundraiser at OTTO Exeter on Monday, April 8th from 5:00-9:00pm, dine-in only. The Friends will volunteer at the *Night at the Library* on April 5th and will host the raffle table during the ELP craft fair on May 4th. The Friends have sponsored the Andrew Silver Circus Variety show on April 27th and the finale for the Children's Summer Reading Program.

H) Social: Nothing to report.

5. Continuing Business: Hope reported that the library received a supply of Narcan from Seacoast Public Health Network and are placed in secure locations within the library. The EPL staff have been instructed by the Exeter Fire Department in proper use, with the first response being to immediately call 9-1-1. Additional instruction will be provided to new library employees and Page staff.

6. New Business:

A) Committees: Trustees selected committee positions. Absent trustees will have the opportunity to choose at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

B) Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:00pm

7. Closed Session, if necessary: None required.

(RSA: 91-A:3 Executive Sessions)

8. Public Comment: None.

9. Adjourn: Motion made by Jenny to adjourn. Seconded by Sherry. Adjournment passed at 7:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Medlock
Vice Chair, Acting Secretary