

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes September 18, 2019

Present: Kathleen Chaimberg, Elizabeth Cornell, Liz Marshall, Barbara Prince

The July meeting minutes were accepted with minor revision.

**Librarian's Report:** Barbara presented usage and circulation figures for the summer (July/August combined). While number of individual visits were lower overall, both circulation at Etna and loans from the collection were increased over last summer.

**Review of programs:** Shibori dye and Rangoli were both well enjoyed. The popularity of past programs featuring Dudley the pig prompted discussion of future animal themed events.

#### Old Business

**Meeting about Etna Road:** Was held on 7/30 at Trumball Hall. Interested individuals plan continued dialogue and exploration of next steps to facilitate traffic calming and increased walkability in Etna village.

**Library Sign:** A new roadside sign displaying the National Library Symbol has been installed on Etna road (just north of the General store) directing travelers to our beloved village resource.

**Jerry Nunnally Memorial Lecture Series:** The inaugural presentation on 9/10 by Professor Emeritus Gary Johnson was well attended and received. Enthusiastic audience members offered a myriad of suggestions for future presentation topics.

**Books in memory of Kim Wilson:** Books have been donated to the library by Kim's book group members in honor of this dear friend and former trustee. Barbara plans to mark the selections with a commemorative book plate.

**Fall programs:** A number of upcoming programs for fall were discussed, including a basket weaving demonstration by Judy Labrie slated for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The ever popular pumpkin carving and Thanksgiving decorating sessions are also planned.

**Library staffing:** Having Sarah Molesworth, the Assistant Librarian at Etna, cross trained at Howe is proving an asset to both.

#### New Business

**Librarian Annual Review:** A review of Barbara's past year performance is due to the Town Of Hanover on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The trustees will meet in the upcoming weeks to review her past accomplishments and future goals in preparation for a written report. The trustee's report will then be reviewed with Barbara on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Painting Donation:** A beautifully rendered painting featuring a black bear was donated to the Etna library by long time Etna resident, artist and firefighter Ken Pelton in honor of Agnes Reed, wife of Lieutenant Howard Reed.

**Gift money purchases:** Some possible uses for money donated to the library were discussed including noise cancellation headphones for use with the computer, Etna library commemorative Tshirts and others.

The next meeting of the trustees will be October 29, 2019 at 3pm