

**JOSIAH CARPENTER LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING
MINUTES
February 22, 2017**

Present: JC Allard, Chair; WR Tahnk, Treasurer; L Vogt, Interim Library Director.

Meeting Convened: 6:20P

Acceptance of Minutes: January 18, 2017 board minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept as presented was made and seconded (W Tahnk, J Allard). Motion carried.

Old Business:

Friends of the Library:

- Busy collecting items for the baskets to be raffles off on town election day, March 14
- Working to expand membership within the community.

Money was allocated for a gift card for the parting Library Director and for 2 thermostat tamperguards.

- The tamperguards were permanently installed in the library by W Tahnk.

No progress has been made on the sidewalk sewer repair. Waiting for uninterrupted good weather.

The bill from Al Terry was received and paid for plumbing work done in December.

Director's and Treasurer's Report: The Director's Report was discussed. Motion to accept as presented was made and seconded (W Tahnk, J Allard). Motion carried. The Treasurer's report for January will be combined with February's treasurer report and discussed at the March meeting.

New Business:

It was decided that we would use the town time cards going forward to come in line with town administration and streamline the payroll process.

The departing Library Director has turned over the library key and the password on the library director email account will be changed this week.

JC Allard will send acknowledgement notes to all applicants for the position of Library Director.

Miscellaneous:

No miscellaneous business.

Next Trustee Board Meeting: March 22, 2017 at 7:00P in the Children's Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55P.

Following the regularly scheduled board meeting, the library trustees met with a group of Pittsfield citizens to discuss the future use of the adjoining property and barn that JW (Bill) Miskoe deeded to the town for use by the Carpenter Library. A number of people cited other libraries in the state that carried out successful library capital campaigns to renovate or build library structures. Other points discussed:

- There is considerable interest in building a new town meeting hall and function center and expanding the children's reading room
- NH Preservation Alliance has a program to select 52 barns as part of a preservation program
- UNH Cooperative Extension has put out a book entitled "Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the Loss of a Valuable Resource" that might be of interest in this case
- In the long run, is it cheaper to tear down the existing barn and build an annex to the library than to try and repurpose the barn and bring it up to code as an addition to the Carpenter Library
- Should we try and get a simple architectural drawing for a library annex on the newly acquired property as a way to generate interest in a capital campaign
- The Friends of the Library have offered to work with the trustees and other interested citizens of Pittsfield to do fund raising for a new building on the expanded library property that matches the architecture of the library and fits well with other Main Street structures.
- Ways to foster interest in a library project were discussed, including articles in the SV Times, the Pittsfield town website, and flyers at the town meeting.

The formal discussion adjourned at 7:45P.