

Haston Library Trustee Meeting Minutes* [DRAFT]

April 10th, 2025 @6pm

Haston Library and on Zoom
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Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by Deb Grennon.

Agenda Amendments: Add Memorial Day Parade under New Business.

Attendance: Brenna Sturtevant, Allison Franklin, Jeffery Teitelbaum, Linda Hartman, Lissy Bachelder, David Pratt and Library Director Josh Worman.

Public Comments: None

Review and Sign Warrants

Correspondence: A Thank You card was read from the Franklin Rec Dept.- they expressed their gratitude for all the library does and hopes for continued collaboration on events.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved by Deb to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Brenna. Carried unanimously to accept.

Treasurer's Report: Moved by Jeff to accept the report. Seconded by Linda. Carried unanimously to accept.

Budget is on track for the next couple months.

Library Director's Report: Visits have been steady and attendance at events dipped down slightly.

A killer time was had at the *Murder at the Haston* event. Some expressed interest at having this event again and maybe doing it at the Town Hall or another larger venue.

Attendance was small at the Endangered Alphabets and Genealogy events.

Received 10 copies of *Gather* for the Vermont Reads initiative. Enjoy the book and pass it on!

Committee Updates

- Personnel: none
- Budget: none

- Strategic Planning: none
- Fundraising: none
- Maintenance: Josh will let committee know when storm windows need to be taken out and air conditioner installed/cleaned.
- Policy: Gift and Funds Policy were reviewed. No changes were made.

Old Business

- Committee Assignments: No further assignments needed.
- Trustee Spring Training: No one was able to attend.

New Business

- IMLS Staffing & Funding Issues: The State of Vermont is losing grant money on interlibrary loans. The Haston Library gets some grant money for interlibrary loans (about \$600-\$700). As of right now, the library has not felt any effects on the recent changes.
- Children's Garden: The garden needs some love - wood structure is rotting.
 - Discussion was had about rebuilding with possible donations from Sticks n' Stuff or forgoing that and planting an annual (lilac tree, butterfly bush, pollinators, etc) that is self-sustaining and low maintenance.
 - Maybe adding a sand box or place for children to dig in. Lissy has a sandbox with a cover that she would be willing to donate if needed.
 - Help will be needed for demolition – maybe a tractor from the Town could be used to make the process quick and easy.
 - Further research and options will be thought about for the next meeting.
- Feasibility study for childcare at the Felco Room: Deb gave an update on the Childcare committee from the Community Visits Forum from last year. They got a grant to do a feasibility survey - staff and residents of Homestead, childcare providers around town, community partners that need childcare, etc. Surveys are being taken and data collected.
 - Homestead residents have concerns about childcare in the basement so other options are being taken into consideration i.e. basement of the Franklin United Church.
 - Childcare would be primarily for infants (under age two), 8 children total.
 - Only two registered childcare providers in town.

Other Business/Member Concerns:

- Memorial Day: Library float "Color Your World"

- Float ideas: float could be black and white and everyone dress up as crayons or one color outfit.
- Jen Raynak has friends that would like to help with the book sale. Book sale will be at the bandstand in front of the Town Hall.
- Things to hand out (couple hundred needed): boxes of crayons with stickers (made by Sierra), summer reading program swag, bookmarks that kids can color, candy, etc.
- Plant Swap event: two weeks after our next meeting (mid to late May).
- Compliments were made to Josh and Sierra for reorganizing the collection of books - easy to find authors/books, aesthetically pleasing. **It looks great!**

Executive Session (if needed): none

Adjourned at 6:55pm.

Submitted by Lissy Bachelder.

Our next meeting will be May 8, 2025, at 6pm in the library.

*Minutes are not yet approved by all trustees; therefore this remains a draft until the next trustee meeting.