

**Wardsboro Public Library  
Trustee Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2024**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:06

**Members present:** Carol Backus, Steve Herd, Donna Fernandes, Lizzie Ingraham, Sheri Lewis, Karina Martin

**Members of the Public:** Patty Rapozzo

**Additions or changes to the agenda:** MERP Energy Report, Executive Session

**Acceptance of August 29, 2024 meeting minutes:** Carol B moved to receive the meeting minutes with a second from Sheri L. No discussion. Accepted unanimously.

**Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:** Carol B made a motion to receive the treasurer's report with a second from Donna F. A discussion was had about obtaining Quick Books. Sheri L made a motion to allow Steve H to buy Quickbooks if the cost is \$1500.00 or less. This was seconded by Donna F and the vote passed unanimously.

**Library Director's Report:** Lizzie I reported that there are 36 students signed up for the after school program. A reminder to library volunteers that there is a half day of school on October 24, 2024. The after school program will run from 12- 3:00. There will be no after school program on October 31, 2024.

**Friends Liason Report:** Steve H reported that the various sub committees have been working on the Gilfeather Turnip Festival and will meet again on September 27, 2024.

**Old Business:**

**Holiday Lighting:** Starting to organize a group of people to put up the lights. Tabled to after the Gilfeather Turnip Festival

**Book Sales for September 28 and October 26, 2024:** John Streeter has manned the booksale for the last two sales, but is not available for October so another volunteer must be assigned.

**Venmo:** Karina and Steve H will continue to work on obtaining Venmo for the Gilfeathet.

**New Business:**

**Open Trustee Positions:** Carol B made a motion to present Patty Rapozzo to the selectboard as a new trustee. This motion was seconded by Steve H and passed unanimously.

**American Flatbread Benefit October 8, 2024:** Runs from 4:00 to 9:00. Set up will begin at 3:00. Karina will email copies of the flatbread poster to all trustees so we can put them up around towns. There will be a book give away for kids, a merchandise table, quilt raffle and a 50/50 raffle.

**MERP Recommendation:** A discussion was had of the recommendations provided to us. Carol B made a motion to accept the recommendations from the MERP Energy Audit in the total of \$80,940.00 with a second from Steve H. The vote passed unanimously.

**Volunteer Appreciation/ Open House:** has been postponed until end of spring/ early summer of 2025.

**Annual Appeal:** We will continue working on the annual appeal after the GTF.

**Curtain Call Play and Fundraiser:** A reception will be held on Saturday December 14 after the play at the library. Desserts and wine will be served.

**Future Trustee meetings:** October 17, November 21, December 19, 2024.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:43 Move to executive session.

**Executive Session:** Exited at 9:02. No decisions were made.

Submitted 10/3/2024 Donna Fernandes