

## DRAFT MINUTES

### Library Trustees Meeting, March 17, 2025

Present: Cheryl Junker (2026), Angie Robinson (2027), Nan Stone (2028) Sadie Wells, Joanna Carr (Alternate), Cindy Neily and Kathleen Peters (Friends of Canaan Library), Amy Thurber (Librarian)

Absent: Derek Hero (2027), Nick Lavalley (2026)

Minutes from the February meeting will be reviewed at the April meeting.

### Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures for February and the year to date are as budgeted with the exception of new book purchases, which were somewhat higher than expected. The discrepancy may be due to timing: Amy will check her records and see if expenses from December 2023 were carried over into the new year.

Cheryl reported that the Library's 6-month CD, which will be expiring soon, has generated a return of more than 4%. The question is whether to purchase another short-term CD when this one expires. Sadie and Cindy reported that new CDs are generating similar returns. Angie moved and Nan seconded a motion to authorize Cheryl to reinvest the funds assuming the new CD can do as well or better than the current one.

The motion carried unanimously, with Joanna voting for Nick.

### Librarian's Report:

The pub trivia nights that recently ended were a great success. Participants of all ages had a lot of fun, and Kenny Lary has already volunteered to host a new series in April. A third will follow in August in conjunction with the Library's annual summer reading program. This year's theme is "Level Up," which we hope will attract more gamers as well as readers.

The Library's Story Times have also been well attended— so much so that volunteer Jan Kulig generously offered to add another on Fridays. Her offer was enthusiastically taken up, and we now have two Story Times for children and their parents each week.

Although the location for the Summer Reading Event has yet to be determined, the content planning is well underway. One highlight will be the telescope that was recently donated to the Library by the NH Astronomical Society. Angie has sky-focused activity boxes, and Jenna is creating a guide to an Astronomy Guide written by H.A. Rey

of Curious George fame. In addition to familiar games like Bingo, Mark Hengsler will be introducing non-video gamers to the genre.

The Library has subscribed to a new service called Comics Plus, which will operate like our subscription to the New York Times. The collection draws from well-known, vetted publishers and can be curated.

Discussion of contract terms for Twin Bridges IT support continues. The town has graciously offered us the use of their security services until our own can be set up.

#### Committee Reassignments:

Discussion deferred until the April meeting when officers for 2025 will be elected.

#### Friends of the Library Update:

The Friends met on March 14. Kathleen Peters will be the reins from Cindy Neily as their president. Jan Kulig and Suanne Milligan are organizing a high tea in honor of the anniversary of Jane Austen's 250th anniversary. June 12th is a possible date. The last such tea sold out quickly, and this is sure to do the same, as they are great fun.

The Friends will once again be volunteering to work at the summer Book Sale and the Meeting House Readings. Reconstruction of the gardens and the watering of the raised beds are activities for which the Friends themselves could use some help. Kathleen offered the names of some youthful entrepreneurs who have started a grounds keeping business as a possibility.

#### The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS):

IMLS is an independent government agency is the primary source of federal support for the nation's museums and libraries. Grants to each State Library are then distributed to local libraries for services to their communities. In recent years, two-year grants to NH have averaged \$1.3 to \$1.5 million. Currently, IMLS funds support interlibrary loan services, the platform that supports patrons ' access to e- and audio books, talking books, and technical libraries at the State Library. These services are particularly critical for the state's many rural libraries including Canaan.

Two days ago, the IMLS was disbanded by executive order. Given the passage of the continuing budget resolution, it's possible funding may continue through the end of September. However, the outlook is uncertain,

The Trustees next meeting is on April 21, 2025 at the Senior Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

