

**Topsham Public Library
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2015**

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Matthew Newman, President, at 7:04PM. Present: Jerry Davis, Jennifer Ecker, Anne Eustis, Larry Fitch, Joe Trafton, Sally VonBenken, Director Susan Preece. Megan Therriault joined the meeting at 7:07PM. Absent: Irene Martin, Larissa Vigue Picard, Teri Schultz, Bruce Kingdon.

- 2) **Minutes of the FY13 Annual Meeting.** The Secretary's Minutes of FY13 Annual Meeting, July 16, 2013, were reviewed. A motion to accept the Minutes as presented passed unanimously.

- 3) **Election for Open Board Seats.**
For the term ending July, 2018:
 - a) Sally VonBenken (2nd term)
 - b) Larissa Vigue Picard (2nd term)
 - c) Bruce Kingdon (2nd term)
 - d) Joe Trafton (1st term) *previously appointed to serve an open seat 2013-2015

A motion to accept the slate of candidates passed unanimously.

- 4) **Election for Board Officials for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.**
 - a) President: Matt Newman
 - b) Vice President: Larry Fitch
 - c) Secretary: Larissa Vigue Picard
 - d) Treasurer: Irene Martin

A motion to accept the Board Officials passed unanimously.

- 5) **Recognition of Board Accomplishments.** Susan highlighted some of the accomplishments for FY14. Items included are on the attached list.

- 6) **Comments from the Trustees.** Matt Newman asked if there were any trustee comments, and commented himself that he enjoyed working with the board, and that high standards to live up to are daunting, but he feels like we get closer every year. Megan said that she was really impressed and inspired by Susan as a leader for this library.

- 7) **Comments from Members of the Public.** No comments were presented.

- 8) **Adjournment** at 7:17PM. Anne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Larry Fitch seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Ecker, Trustee

FY14 Highlighted Library Accomplishments:

Better communication with Topsham Board of Selectmen

Increase in staff salaries and creation of another full-time library positions.

36% increase for annual appeal over previous year.

Increase in funds from grants, Business Roundtable.

Development of Whitten Society award.

Revised and reviewed policies and capital plans.

Used the facilities for non-library events.

Garden volunteers more self-directed.

Received much needed materials budget support from the Friends of the Topsham Library.

Presentation of spring film festival.

Increased computer/device help.

Genealogy assistance.

Library promotion expanded into The Cryer and the Times Record.

Launched new website.

PSA video for the library.

Expanded business relationships with expanded partners and local businesses.

Jerry Davis did amazing fundraising work this year!

Ample opportunity for community engagement with library information session.

Nationwide recognition for Bus Book Bag Program.