



Minutes for Annual 115th Association Meeting April 18, 2017

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 and attendance was taken.
- Get to know your neighbor activity enabled attendees to introduce themselves.
- The minutes from the 2016 Annual Association meeting were moved, seconded and approved unanimously.
- Consolidated Committees Report Q&A: Thanks to all volunteer power to enable our committees to function and achieve their goals. There is always a need for help and members (see the signup list on the table). The spring book sale setup is Thursday May 24, 2017 before the weekend of the sale. Any boxes will be appreciated. The building renovation planning is put on hold until our new Director has had time to acclimate herself to the operation of the library. There were suggestions for handicap accessibility.
- Library Director's highlights and future events: There has been a 48% increase in downloadable books. Pointed out the art display by Dana and Bruce Peck's etching for fundraiser. Events coming up include Local Motive film with 3 local farmer panelists, and the Summer Reading Program kickoff with Marko the Magician. The Secret Garden Tea with speaker Don Avery at the "Chinese" garden tentatively scheduled for July 22, 2017. Emily reminds all to use Amazon Smile which donates ½% of sale and to identify Blake Memorial Library as the designated charity.
- Spark Talk: Emily described how she is making the downstairs space more inviting for kids with a small scale 'tinker lab' that is easily maintainable with toys. She is looking for toy donations or money and ideas on arrangement.
- Election of new association members: Nominations of Marilyn Malmquist from Corinth, Kate Whalen from Topsham, Catherine Tudish. Moved, second and approved unanimously.
- Election of 3 new members of the board: Nomination of Lynne Benjamin and Miranda Moody and Katie Whalen for 3 year terms was moved, seconded and approved. There are two 2-year terms that needed to be filled: Joi Winchell and Sukie Hausmann were nominated and were moved, seconded and approved unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report: 2016 Final budget shows \$4,000 more profit which is put into reserve for capital expenditures. The Gendrot funds have risen by \$40,000 and total endowments are nearly \$1,000,000. Topsham and Corinth have voted to double the town contribution to \$2/capita.

Retiring Board Trustees includes appreciation for Linda Weiss's service and 2 years as president. And a shout out to Anne McKenzie for website renovation.

Adjourned at 8:25 PM.