

## Friends of the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library

October 7, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Present: Joanne Arsenault, Barbara Mieder, Faith Leach, Esther Perelman, Cindy Ody-Ortego, Gerry Ortego, Adriene Katz, Jane Kearns, Ann Park.

Minutes of 7/8/2024 were accepted.

Correspondence: VT Foodbank solicitation, Thank You from Sarah Hibbler for 10 year recognition.

Treasurer's report: checking account - \$27,758.92 CD - \$29,432.83.

Librarian's Report: The Schematic Design process is underway. Jane shared the drawings which the Trustees and Selectboard have seen. There is ongoing discussion about the future of the Town Green. The group discussed the idea of an annual fundraising letter from the Friends to town residents. We decided not to try to do a letter in 2024. We might send out a letter in 2025 to coincide with the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library on October 5, 2025. There is a software program that would facilitate this mailing and collect information about the responses.

([www.littlegreenlight.com](http://www.littlegreenlight.com))

Jane asked that I include this information in the minutes:

Capital campaign feasibility study is also underway to establish: the readiness of the Library for a campaign and to get a reading from community on support for the expansion/renovation project and a capital campaign. The consulting firm CPG sent their report and suggestions for the Library to prepare for a campaign last week. One of their suggestions was to have an end of year annual giving campaign in 2024 to raise funds and establish relationships with future donors. An annual appeal from the Friends would involve some investment in software to track and accept donations, the cost of mailing and the time to draft the appeal letter

Booksale idea: Have a "Donation Station" at the book sale checkouts.

Old Business: The staff appreciated Friends being at the library in June from 5-7 on Mondays and Wednesdays but there were not a lot of donations during that time. More donations come in between 12-2 so the Friends might volunteer to be at the library during that time in June.

Holiday Decorating party: Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3. Barbara will get the batteries for the window candles; Ann will get the 2 outdoor trees.

Other Business: The Friends will pay for the Gingerbread House program. The Friends unanimously agreed to donate \$750 for Give-Away books at various library programs through 2026. Sarah & Jane will look into a stamp that can be stamped in the books indicating that they are a gift from the Friends. The group discussed Jacques Marton's request for a letter of support for the formation of "Catamount Tales". We decided that it is not appropriate for the Friends to write a letter.

The group discussed looking over the Bylaws and possibly revising/updating them. They are available on the library website.

Next meeting: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1pm.