



Alice M. Ward Memorial Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
June 4, 2025

I. Open Meeting:

The 06/04/2025 Alice M. Ward Memorial Library (AWML) Trustees meeting was opened at 4:00 pm by Nancy Petro.

II. Attendees:

Nancy Petro, Sharon Belleville, Gana Carr, Shellie Bresnahan, Cindy Smythe, Ron King.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Gana to approve 05/07/2024 AWML Trustee meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

None

V. General Public Comments:

None

VI. Building Maintenance/Concerns:

Carriage house has been cleaned out with assistance from Tim Gray and some of his CTA students, Eugene Reid, Pam Jordan, Richard Thibeault and the town loader, and others including staff and members of the trustees. A few things remain on the ground floor that will be removed soon.

Nancy attended a selectboard meeting to express concern about the parking across from the library and the toll it is taking on the grass. Gravel was requested to improve the parking spots there and alleviate the mud and holes that are worsening with our wet spring.

VII. Budget Review:

Shellie made a motion to approve the financial reports. Seconded by Gana. Approved unanimously.

Several requests for reimbursement were submitted to grant holders IVT Library Grant and VT Preservation Trust). Reimbursements have been received for bills paid related to the carriage house project.

Cindy and the town clerk met to review and evaluate two line items that showed discrepancies in the May finance report. Reconciled allocations.

VIII. Policy/Bylaw Review:

None

IX. Library Activity:

5 new library cards issued.

Kaitlin Wood, the school librarian, brought the first-grade class to the library for their last visit of the school year. They viewed a short video about Smokey the Bear and fire safety and Cindy read them a book titled "Maisey Loves Birds".

Go Ask Alice book club met and discussed "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Martha VanderWolk took the reins on the discussion. Most of the readers enjoyed the book and its epistolary format. In preparation for the June meeting of the book club members will be reading "Broken Country" by Clare Leslie Hall.

June will be busy for Cindy and Ron getting set up for the Summer Reading Program.

Upcoming programs include:

Donna Merson is hosting a Summer Reading Program event on Saturday, July 12 titled "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". She will discuss the book and have interactive activities and a craft. Refreshments will be provided to participants as well. Next up will be a visit from VINS on July 16th. The VINS programs are always a hit. They will hold this year's presentation in the school gymnasium. Peter Gray will be joining us on August 9th to share some of his photos and nature photography know-how. Looking forward to September, Jacques Belair will present a Wilderness Preparedness and First Aid program. Also this fall, we look forward to the return of Will Staats, wildlife biologist.

Summer book sales are scheduled for July 19th, August 1st, and August 23rd.

X. Ongoing/Future Goals:

Looking forward to the next steps in the carriage house renovation project.

XI. Other Business:

None

XII. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Gana to adjourn the meeting. AWML Trustees meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Alice M. Ward Memorial Library Trustees will take place at 4:00 pm on 7/2/25 .