



Alice M. Ward Memorial Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
July 1, 2025

I. Open Meeting:

The 07/01/2025 Alice M. Ward Memorial Library (AWML) Trustees meeting was opened at 4:00 pm by Nancy Petro.

II. Attendees:

Nancy Petro, Kathy Smith, Sharon Belleville, Gana Carr, Shellie Bresnahan, Cindy Smythe, Zachary Brown.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Shellie and seconded by Gana to approve 06/04/2025 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:

The meeting began with a Zoom session with Ryan Edwards (architect) sharing proposed plans for the heating/cooling system. There was a change from mini-splits, eliminating the outdoor units and the mini-splits on the walls. The proposed plan includes a ducted system with the units in the basement, mounted on the ceiling and ducts placed in less conspicuous places than the wall units would be. Price comparison to follow, but Ryan feels they will be similar to the mini-splits and possibly cheaper. Peder Rude and Isaac Wagner were on the Zoom as well providing additional information regarding similar projects they have been involved in.

Painter has not yet responded to request for site visit and estimate. It is busy season for painters. Will continue to reach out so we can hopefully be on the agenda for next season.

Some boards on dormers may need replacing. Will reach out to local contractors to request an evaluation and estimate if needed.

VII. Budget Review:

YTD budget reviewed. No issues or discrepancies found. Nancy made a motion to accept the financial report as it stands, seconded by Sharon. Passed unanimously

Shellie reviewed the carriage house budget to date regarding bills submitted to the grantors (ARPA, VT Preservation Trust, and Vermont Libraries Grant) to date and reimbursements received.

VIII. Policy/Bylaw Review:

None

IX. Library Activity:

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory program coming up on 7/12. This program is part of the summer reading program, "Color Our World," The program will include crafts and treats. Several children have already enrolled.

Summer reading program interest has not been robust. Will continue to promote.

VINS will be here on 7/16 providing a presentation including live animals. The program is being held in the Canaan Schools gymnasium.

Go Ask Alice book club discussed the book "Broken Country" by Clare Leslie Hall. The book was generally enjoyed overall. The book for discussion at the July book club gathering is "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng.

Three book sales are planned for this summer. The first will be held on July 19 during the Firefighters appreciation day. Subsequent book sales will be held during Sugar on Snow and Moose Festival.

X. Ongoing/Future Goals:

Continuing work on the Carriage House renovation project.

XI. Other Business:

None

XII. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Gana and seconded by Shellie to adjourn the 07/01/25 meeting at 5:30 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Alice M. Ward Memorial Library Trustees will occur at 4:00 pm on 08/06/25.