

## ***Nesmith Library Board of Trustees***

**Date: June 10, 2025  
Meeting Minutes DRAFT**



### **Present:**

Trustees: Beth Talbott (Chairperson); Theresa Abbamondi (Assistant Chair); Stephanie Lohret (Assistant Treasurer); Catherine Girata (Corresponding Secretary); DJ Withee (Member at Large);

**Absent:** Robin Bostic (Recording Secretary); Jenny Cutler (Treasurer);

**Director:** Sylvie Brikiatis

**Assistant Director:** Karen Burbank

Public:

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by B. Talbott at 7:10 pm.

**Mission statement:** Read by B. Talbott

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by DJ Withee to approve the minutes of the Public Session of the May 2025 meeting. S. Lohret gave a second. The vote passed 5-0.

### **Gifts:**

- There was a \$50 unrestricted donation made in the memory of Ann Louise LeColst from the Le Cost Family.
- There was a \$1000 unrestricted donation from Derry Medical Center Charitable Foundation.

A motion was made by DJ Withee to accept the \$50 unrestricted donation made in the memory of Ann Louise Le Cost and the \$1000 unrestricted donation from Derry Medical Foundation. A second was made by T. Abbamondi. The vote passed 5-0.

### **Correspondence:**

- There was correspondence from AP U.S. Government Group from Windham High School regarding white board study pods. Due to their concern of the limited availability of the white board study pods, they have raised funds for the purchase of smaller white boards and markers. They would like to purchase materials.

A motion was made by DJ Withee to accept the funds to purchase whiteboards, erasers and markers. T. Abbamondi gave a second. The vote passed 5-0.

### **FLOW:**

- Strawberry Festival was successful with the returns that are being tabulated.

- FLOW Membership increased.
- Frank Provenzano Grant is being proposed.
- FLOW is looking for a co-chair for publicity.
- Book collection will commence in the fall. The date is TBD.
- FLOW will be joining the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

**Director:**

- Sylvie will become GMILCS President. Karen will be Circulation Group Chair. Stephanie is social media rep for READS. Azra is NELA rep for NH.
- Sylvie will be leading a state wide discussion on legislative changes and general guidance at the request of Mindy Atwood, Acting NH State Librarian.
- Standardization on “fine codes” was discussed. Recommendation is to simplify the codes.

T. Abbamondi made a motion to drop all fines. S. Lohret gave a second. The vote passed 5-0.

**Treasurer:**

- The library has spent 34.83% of the appropriation. 41% of the year has passed. The library is in compliance with RSA 32:7.

**Legislative Report:**

- HB 273 has yet to come into focus.
- HB 666 was voted down by the judiciary. It has been appended to SB141.
- HB 376 has been folded in SB69.

**Trustee Committee Reports:**

- There are no reports.

**New Business:**

- There will be an update regarding the Windham Endowment in the August Meeting.
- Personnel Committee Meeting will meet on June 24 at 4:30.
- Exterior painting for the library is being planned.
- Personnel Policy for library closures follow the SOP's (continuation of operations policy).

T. Abbamondi made a motion to update the personnel policy to include the unscheduled closing language. DJ Withee made a second. The vote passed 5-0.

**Old Business:**

- Old Trustee Google Accounts will be reviewed by T. Abbamondi.
- The Strategic Plan has been reviewed and updated.

S. Lohret has made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan as written on June 10, 2025. T. Abbamondi gave a second. The vote passed 5-0.

**Public Comments:**

- There were no public comments.

**Announcements:**

- The NHLTA is hosting the Trustee Orientation Workshop from 10-2 at the Center in Triangle Park in Concord. This is a free workshop. Registration is mandatory. The deadline for registration is July 28. It is held on August 5.
- The next meeting will be held August 12, at 7:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was given by DJ Withee . A second was given by T. Abbamondi  
The vote passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Girata,  
Draft Meeting Minutes