

James E. Nichols Memorial Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
35 Plymouth Street, Center Harbor NH 03226
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 10 am

I.. Call to order by Chairperson S. Frost at 10 am. In attendance A. Xavier, Secretary, S.M. Lavallee, Trustee, J. Weed, Trustee, B. Miller, Trustee Emeritus, D. Thiboutot, Alternate, D. Hughes, Alternate, absent with notification, C. Gamboa de Levin.

II. Approval of the January 27, 2025 minutes. S. Frost called for a vote for approval, S.M. Lavallee seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous.

III. Chairperson's Report

a. Moving forward in 2025, a positive atmosphere and respect is expected from all especially at Trustee meetings.

b. "Brooks House Project" name has been changed in the annual report.

c. Discussion on a Morrill Park sub committee will be addressed at the April 21, 2025 meeting.

d. Trustee officers will be elected at the March 17, 2025 meeting. Trustee Alternates will be chosen to be recommended to the Selectmen at the March 17, 2025 meeting.

e. The 2011 Morrill Park Committee formation information will be gone over at the March meeting.

IV. The Treasurer's statement was reviewed.

V. Library Director's Report

a. The Strategic Planning zoom meeting will take place February 25, at 5 pm.

b. Discussion about an AARP Library Greenscapes grant ensued. L. Verge will be applying for this grant. 63% of Center Harbor's population is over 50, and this grant would encourage library patrons , especially older adults, to utilize the library

grounds during the summer. The Trustees discussed the feasibility of using this grant for picnic tables, with one being ADA compliant. There was discussion about creating an adult mobility park in Morrill Memorial Park in the future.

c. A NH State Parks Pass has been added to our library pass offerings.

d. L. Verge also discussed the possibility of restricting the Downloadable books usage app to only Town residents. This is being suggested by the State Technology Resource Librarian.

e. February 1 was Take Your Child to the Library Day and it was a great success. February 8 was Make Your Own Valentine workshop and we had a full house. Next year we might do a children's workshop. March 15 will be a Drop In Craft Session

f. Maggie Wilson will be leading a Public Pre-K Storytime starting on Thursdays.

VI. Building Committee

a. B. Miller reported that there is a serious crack above the main entrance and suggested that the Selectmen be notified.

b. B. Miller also asked that the Selectment be notified that birds are nesting above the front entrance and some type of mitigation should be started.

The motion for adjournment was made at 11:05 by S. Frost, seconded by A.Xavier, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Xavier