

# **Griswold Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

Date: 4/14/25

In person at GML and via Zoom

## **1. Opening**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:01pm  
In Attendance in person (trustee\*): Betsy Browning\*, Chelsea Jordan-Makely  
In Attendance via Zoom: Mikaela Whitaker\*, Cheli Mennella\*, M. Dago Driggs\*,  
Betty Johnson\*, Ellen Weeks  
Regrets: Nancy Turkle\*
- b. Land Acknowledgement
- c. Team Agreements

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

- a. Motion by to approve agenda as written by Betty Johnson.
- b. Motion seconded by Betsy Browning.
- c. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

## **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. Motion to approve February and March minutes as written by Betty Johnson.
- b. Motion seconded by Betsy Browning.
- c. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

## **4. Public Comments**

None

## **5. Reports**

- a. Director's Report  
See Director's Report for details. Some highlights: Earth Day celebration this Saturday 11-1. New episode of the History of Colrain Podcast is out now.
  - i. Motion to approve March Director's Report as submitted by Betty Johnson.
  - ii. Motion seconded by Betsy Browning.
  - iii. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- b. Treasurer's Report  
Betty is still waiting for some information from the town's accountant. Shared current balances.
  - i. Motion to approve March Treasurer's Report as submitted by Betsy Browning.
  - ii. Motion seconded by Mikaela Whitaker.
  - iii. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- c. Cornerstone Committee Report

Laroque Architects meeting with the cornerstone committee next month. There will be a public meeting open to all June 21st at 4:00 by Zoom and at GML.

- i. Motion to approve April Cornerstone Committee's Report as submitted by Betty Johnson.
  - ii. Motion seconded by Cheli Mennella.
  - iii. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- d. Governance Committee Report  
Discussed possible updates to land acknowledgement. Presented a redraft for a different version to be posted online and spoken aloud at meetings. New land acknowledgement read aloud, no edits suggested.
- i. Motion to approve new land acknowledgement as written by Betty Johnson.
  - ii. Motion seconded by Betsy Browning.
  - iii. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

## **6. Ongoing Business**

- a. Strategic planning continues. Will be meeting soon to review the community survey report.
- b. The new sign is moving forward with some updates as suggested in the last trustees meeting.

## **7. New Business**

- a. Candidate's Night: April 23rd at 6pm
  - i. Nancy is working on a poster and will share it soon.
  - ii. Historically the trustees have invited the candidates to attend.
  - iii. Chelsea will do tech, would like if there's a trustee who could stand in as moderator.
  - iv. Cheli will send out invitations to candidates and selectboard.
  - v. Betty will be moderator.
  - vi. Select board will also hold drop in hours that week at the library.
- b. Advocacy: Chelsea shared that certain services that could be cut do to IMLS defunding will have information on their websites, such as Libby.
- c. Dago shared some information about how he is sharing information and supporting advocating for the library in the community.
- d. Patrons in Distress: any direction we might want to give as a board to library staff? Could we have gift cards available to people in distress? Chelsea has purchased more. Val did mental health first aid. Discussion to be continued.

## **8. Adjourn**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Betty Johnson.
- b. Motion seconded by Betsy Browning.
- c. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Next meeting scheduled for May 12th at 6pm. (Meeting subsequently moved to 5/20 at 6pm.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm

*Respectfully submitted by Mikaela Whitaker.*