

MONTGOMERY TOWN LIBRARY UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
November 13, 2023

Present: Marijke Dollois, Jane Presler, Christina Suarez, Rita Kalsmith, Cheryl Wisel  
Friends of the Library: Pat Farmer  
Library Director: Marlene Hambleton

1. Marijke called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.
2. No changes to the Agenda.
3. Warrants were presented and, as this meeting took place on Zoom, five Trustees agreed to come by the library to sign the warrants.
4. Approval of the October 9, 2023 Minutes was moved by Rita and seconded by Cheryl. All Ayes.
5. Approval of the October 2023 Library Director's Report was moved by Cheryl and seconded by Christina. All enthusiastically said, "Aye!" Marijke suggested posting the Director's Reports on the Town website to showcase the high level of activity at our Library. Marlene agreed to send the October and subsequent Reports to Liz.
6. Library expansion: Marijke, Cheryl and Jane (replaced by Titus when Jane had to leave) attended the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Development Review Board (DRB). It was noted that Jesse Robbins' adjoining property line abuts the Library building. No problem is anticipated as the property was sold to the Town before Robbins purchased his house, but the situation will be explored and so the outcome of the meeting was postponed. When we meet again to confirm that all is well, there will be no additional charge. If we decide to make the expansion larger, a new application with a fee of \$215 will be required.
7. Spates Construction, Inc. of Derby, VT will meet Marijke, Daniel, Cheryl, Jane and any Trustees who are able to join us at the Library on Wednesday November 15 at 2 PM. Daniel will have a secondary walk-through with his father-in-law, a Vermont architect, either Wednesday November 22 or Friday November 24. Trustees are also invited to join.
8. Library Sign: Patty Hathaway is asked to follow up with Dan Malloy who agreed to re-do the sign at the entrance to the library on Rte. 242.
9. Holiday Happiness weekend at Pratt Hall:  
Saturday December 16 at 11 AM to 2PM – Horse drawn carriage and Santa Claus party (MHS). Rita and Patty will manage cookies and cocoa, Marlene will pick cookies up at Costco. Jane will bring a puppet theater and provide materials for making puppets.  
Sunday December 17 is the Traditional Candles and Carols service at 5 PM.

10. Friends of the Library: Pat reported back on the three October programs:

1. The Book to Talk event "1800 and Froze to Death" was a big hit and very well attended.
2. The annual MES Essay Contest went very well although only five essays were entered. The judges discussed offering a creative writing and public speaking class at LEAPS.
3. Daniel Kahn's talk, "Explaining Bitcoin" was excellent, attended by about 12 people.
4. Jason Snoor's excellent presentation on Medicare was well attended by least 20 people including some from out of town. Many questions were cleared up and everyone found it very helpful. A complicated subject!

Adjourned at 6:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Presler