

**KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Horatio Colony House Museum**

Present: Paul Henkel, Malcolm Katz, Sally Miller, Judy Noonan, Kathleen Packard, Judy Putnam, Lynn Simington, Georgia Tasoulas, Nat Stout, Bill Stroup, Beth Truman, Director Nancy Vincent, and Horatio Colony Museum Director Anita Carroll-Weldon

1. The meeting was called to order by President Beth Truman at 5:32 PM.
2. The Minutes of November 27<sup>th</sup> were presented for approval.

On a motion duly made by Judy Noonan and seconded by Kathleen Packard, it was:

VOTED: to accept the November 27th Minutes – *passed unanimously*

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**a. Finance:**

Treasurer's Report:

A review of the portfolio shows that the returns are slightly better than standard for the year.

In January the Finance Committee will meet with financial advisor Allan Mendelson to discuss

Risk vs. Cash Flow. The time of the Finance Committee meetings has been changed to 10:30 AM, starting in January 2013.

**b. Building and Grounds: No Report**

**c. Community Outreach: No Report**

**d. Long Range Planning Committee:**

In the coming year, the Long Range Planning Committee will focus on working with community members who can advise on what the technology of the future would mean for the Library.

**e. Fine Arts:**

A payment of \$2,000 was made to the Creative Encounters shop in Keene to begin the process of reframing the four large Faulkner sketches. The project should be completed within the next two months.

**f. Policy:**

The updated changes to the by-laws had been distributed previously to the Trustees for study.

After some discussion and changes in wording as agreed upon,

On a motion duly made by Bill Stroup and seconded by Beth Truman, it was

VOTED: to accept the changes in the revised by-laws with the agreed upon wording corrections – *passed unanimously.*

**g. Friends of the Keene Public Library:**

The Friends approved the Library's "Wish List" for the amount requested

**h. Horatio Colony Museum:**

The Board enjoyed the holiday atmosphere of the decorations at the Museum during the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Anita Carroll-Weldon, Director of the Colony House Museum, reported on the new additions to the Conservancy Nature Preserve that will connect the Horatio Colony Preserve to the Pisgah State Park. As an historical note, these 6 ½ and 25 acre parcels were originally owned by Horatio Colony Ist.

The Museum has been listed on the NH State Register of Historic Places, which is an honorary distinction.

The Museum is now in the process of reviewing their Long Range Planning goals.

Cataloging of the rare book collection has begun, and how to handle access to the rare books is being discussed.

**i. Cheshire County Literacy Coalition: No Report**

**4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A representative of the NH State Registry of Historic Places has visited the Library and thought the Library had potential for listing on the Register. There would be no future downside for the Library and it would open the possibility of funding from the Land Preservation and Conservation Agency. The Library would have to submit a written narrative of its history, but since there already is a book on the history of the Keene Public Library, this would not be a problem.

Staff parking has been relocated from the now unusable Courthouse lot to the Gilbo Avenue lot.

**5. Old Business:**

The premier of the final film in the Reflections series, "The Mayors", was held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. This film highlighted interviews with many of Keene's former Mayors, going back to the 1960's. Many positive remarks were heard after the showing, and DVD's will be for sale at the Historical Society.

**6. New Business:**

Sally Miller suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to meet informally with City Manager John McLean to hear his vision for the future of the Library. The ad hoc committee should be made up of Beth Truman, Paul Henkel, Ken Jue, Judy Putnam, and Sally Miller. It should take place in January. This discussion will help to coordinate the Board's planning as the Heberton Hall Library Annex project moves forward.

On a motion duly made by Malcolm Katz and seconded by Bill Stroup, it was:

VOTED: to approve the formation of the ad hoc Library Annex Committee -  
*passed unanimously*

On a motion duly made by Judy Putnam and seconded by Beth Truman, it was:

VOTED: to adjourn the meeting – *passed unanimously*

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Noonan  
Secretary

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Keene Public Library**