

**Minutes of a meeting of the
FRIENDS OF CANAAN TOWN LIBRARY
July 13, 2009
Canaan Town Library, Canaan, NH**

Present: Patsy Carter, Pat Danielson, Ray Kulig, Nancy Loomis, Cindy Neily, Susan Quinlan, Karen Wolk

President Pat Danielson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Nancy Loomis moved that the June minutes be approved as corrected; seconded by Cindy Neily. It was unanimously resolved that the June 8, 2009 minutes are approved as corrected.

Report of the Treasurer

The current account balance is \$2680.31. Additional proceeds from plant sale received tonight brings total available funds to \$2705.31.

Plant Sale proceeds to date are \$2073.00

Next Friends Project

Amy and library staff request is replacement of window drapes in the main room with drapery panels that can cover each window and also be pulled back.

Current drapes have been up for 30 years. It was felt that spending money for the drapes is appropriate support by the Friends of the Library renovation project. Pat and Susan had researched possible cost that we believe will be between \$1200 and \$1400. Following discussion, it was decided to further price unlined drapes, approximately 48 inches wide per panel (two per window) for 11 windows.

Susan will find the promising website she identified as a source for the drapes and send it to Pat for distribution to Friends and Amy. She will also request fabric samples for library staff to review.

Nancy Loomis made a motion to designate up to \$1400 for the library drapes, seconded by Susan Quinlan. It was unanimously resolved to allocate up to \$1400 for the drapes.

We also looked at the lower level lift access area, which is unsightly and partly filled with a large file from the Town. The Friends is considering providing funds and labor to clean and restore this area. It was decided that Pat will attend the next Library Trustees meeting to inquire about plans for this area and ask if the Town's files can be moved to a more appropriate location. We can then determine if and what the Friends might do to refurbish this area.

Landscaping project

Area A: Garden at far corner needs something substantial to delineate its boundary so the snow plow will hopefully not destroy the plantings. Various solutions were suggested with the preferred being a granite post. Pat will ask at Shaker Hill Granite to see if we can afford such a marker. At the least we will put up reflectors to mark the garden edge.

Area D: Town Administrator suggests having a drawing to present our ideas to the Selectmen. Our initial proposal is to create a berm in the corner by the road

and gas station that will be planted with pines and other shrubs that require minimal care. Also to plant at least one crab tree and some lilacs near the building. Susan will make a drawing showing these items and will also find some examples of berms to show to the Selectmen. Additional improvements can follow once we assess the results of this initial work. Hopefully all planning and approvals can be completed in time for work next spring.

Signposts: Both signposts on the property are now more visible and we will likely paint them a color to match the library doors. We should ask the Friends of Canaan Village their plans for the post nearest the library entrance.

Bookdrop: Susan suggested we offer an art project, perhaps with the high school, to create a design and project to paint the bookdrop.

Plant Sale Wrap-Up

Nancy and Susan in particular were thanked for the great success of the sale. We plan to have another sale the second weekend in June 2010. Suggestions for next year include:

- having more donors
- writing a letter next spring to the Valley News announcing the sale and need for donors
- planting certain plants in fields to make digging them much easier
- Designating at the sale site a "holding area" where patrons can safely place plants they plan to buy while shopping for others.
- Not adding any more plants in the week following the sale. We will simply keep the unsold plants on site for sale on the honor system.

Nancy will write a letter to the Valley News thanking everyone for their help and purchases and noting the amount raised and the support the funds provide for Library projects.

Susan will thank Pleasant Valley for the much reduced cost of advertising on their outdoor sign.

Other Business

1. The Mascoma Savings Bank has agreed to contribute \$100.00 to help sponsor the Bird and Garden Club talk on bats presented by nature writer Mary Holland Thursday, September 10 at the Meeting House. This adds to the Friends pledge of \$50.00 and the contribution of the Bird and Garden Club who will also manage the publicity and refreshments for the event.

2. We do not need a formal nominating committee, but do need to come up with a slate of officers (President, Treasurer and Secretary) for the August Friends Annual Meeting.

3. It was decided not to have a bake sale at the time of the September book sale and to concentrate our efforts on supporting the book sale, including sorting the books by category as Amy reported that helped very much.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wolk, secretary