

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes March 10, 2020

Present: Kathleen Chaimberg, Elizabeth Cornell, Liz Marshall, Barbara Prince

The February meeting minutes were accepted with minor revisions.

Librarian's Report: Barbara presented usage and circulation figures for February. A number of unique ideas that would foster a life-long love of reading and library engagement, from children's book groups based on a beloved series to the promotion of a grandparents' story time, were explored.

Review of programs: The first ever Etna library bake off was a smashing and sumptuous multigenerational success; possibilities for future versions are already being discussed.

Old Business

Annual trustees report: A reflection on the library's mission, meaning and service to the community over the past year has been prepared and sent to Barbara for review.

Love my library month: As in years past, we are grateful that our library community generously supported this annual promotional event.

Etna Memorial location: In honor of Etna veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country during wartime, the Etna Ladies Aid are in the planning phase of a memorial to be placed on library grounds.

Upcoming programs: With the unprecedented impact of the coronavirus pandemic and the need to encourage social distancing to mitigate its spread, many library programs may need to be at least temporarily postponed. Information and guidelines are changing rapidly and the library will follow current best practice with local and national governmental guidance.

March Librarians of the Upper Valley meeting: As above, the meeting currently scheduled for March 16 at Etna may need to be cancelled in the interest of public health.

FY2021 budget: Barbara's presentation of the budget proposal to the Select board went well; we will hear after Town Meeting in May whether an additional hour of patron access to the library was approved.

New Business

Library coverage: Barbara plans to be briefly away in March and April, coverage has been arranged.

The next meeting of the trustees will be April 21 at 3 pm.