

Friends of the Goshen Public Library  
September 21, 2024  
Regular meeting minutes  
Held at the Goshen Public Library

Attendance: Lynn Steinmayer-President, Betty Cosgrove-Vice President, Josephine Jones, Judi Armstrong, Kathy Kelly, Johanna Kimball, Joyce Mowrey, Adena Siegel, Theresa Walla Kelly, Tabitha Guarnieri-Director and Don Wilkes.

1. Call to order by Lynn Steinmayer at 9:33am
2. A motion was made by Betty Cosgrove, seconded by Don Wilkes to accept the minutes from the August 17 meeting. Voted unanimous.
3. Matters arising out of the minutes – Website Update: Lynn asked Tabitha to contact the webmaster to inform him that Kate Malanca has permission to send him updates. Updates needed: Officers/Members At-Large and 2024 minutes.
4. Approve of checks: Motion made by Don Wilkes to approve all bills as submitted. Seconded by Betty Cosgrove. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Books Sales Report:
  - Pat Reilly reported via email (sent by Kate Malanca on September 11)
  - Deposit from Farmer's Market and Goshen Fair Booth: \$6,749.02
  - Tent invoice was \$525.00
  - Donation to the Goshen Agricultural Society \$300.00
  - Net profit: \$5,924.02.Discussion in group: Question of cost for insurance. Books were picked up on Tuesday by Bay State Books. Donations are a lot easier than pricing books, and profitable.
6. Meet and Greet/Annual Meeting: Discussion regarding whether to hold a Meet and Greet in October so close to the Annual Meeting. Decision of the group:
  - Hold a regular meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Have a Trivia Brunch followed by Annual Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Joyce and Lynn will gather trivia questions. Topics of questions using books/reading theme. Anyone with ideas should send them to Joyce or Lynn.

Invite: Lynn will contact Minuteman Press for cost of printing. Discussion on using EDDM mailing (Every Door Direct Mail) vs Bulk Mail. Joyce will report back cost of mailing letter, with donation envelope in a #10 envelope.

Discussion regarding letting patrons know about Museum Passes. Feature a quarter per Town Topics and include a full list for back of Annual Meeting Invite.

7. Outreach Committee –

Storywalk® at Camp Cochipianne: Joyce reported that CT DEEP has confirmed all paperwork due from Goshen Land Trust is complete. Contract should be sent from state soon. Discussion on possible

volunteer groups: Boy Scouts (who built original trail) and PreK Story Hour parents. Garret Harlow is scheduled to meet with Joyce and Bill Colby next week to review trails at the two sites.

Discussion regarding the flood damage at Southbury Public Library: Josephine made contact with John Michael, Treasurer of the Friends of the Southbury Library, and he said that though The Friends had lost all of their inventory due to the basement being submerged they have been overwhelmed with support. They have a temporary home during the repair/renovation, which is estimated to take a year. Johanna Kimball suggested we write a letter of support to the Friends of Southbury and ask that they let us know if they need anything in the future. It was suggested that our secretary, Kate Malanca, write the letter. Though there was no vote, there appeared to be unanimous agreement.

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8. Treasurer's Report: Tabled

9. Letter received from Matthew Sweet, Town of Goshen Treasurer

10. In a motion made by Betty Cosgrove, seconded by Don Wilkes it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Mowrey  
Substitute Secretary