

October 9, 2024

Present and Voting: Amy Borgman, Emily Noyes, Susan O'Brien, Starr Strong

Present and Not Voting: Laura Rochat (Librarian), Barb Schaedler

-Barb Schaedler, assistant librarian and landscape architect, was asked to present a landscaping plan for the new patio. It was agreed that she will purchase and install the plants appropriate to plant this season. Further planting will take place in spring and be added to as space and time permit. Barb will be compensated for the plants as well as her time and her assistant's time.

-Minutes from August 15, 2024 meeting were accepted

-Treasurer's Report: submitted by Dan Childs (in absentia) shows finances stable. Current financial records viewed and confirmed by Emily Noyes

-Librarian's Report: Laura reports she is spending a lot more time typing book cards for the file cabinet as our previous purveyors have stopped providing this service. Archaic as this system is, we are required to continue with a card catalog in our Library. More boxes of books are ready to be sent to Boston via Sue and Dan O'Brien. Summer is over and the number of items borrowed monthly has fallen along with the leaves from the trees. Laura has spoken to Keith Sprague, our Selectboard liaison with the Town Garage about plowing around the patio near the parking area and by the steps by the road. We will see how this plays out this winter

-Events Update:

Old events-

*Spencer Hardy from the Vermont Center for Ecostudies' program on Wild Bees was held August 15. This interesting program was attended by 28 people.

*Hands On Science, on August 19, 2024, was presented by Tom Allen and was enthusiastically attended by about 40 people, equally divided between adults and children

New Events:

*Laura and Marylou Maeder have arranged to again hold a 6 week series of beginning knitting lessons for 4 Brookfield Elementary School children.

*Evening fiber arts/knitting gatherings will again be held twice monthly at the Library, the first and third Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 pm.

*Thoughts for upcoming winter events at the Library include Trivia Nite, jig-saw puzzles, Mahjong and cribbage nights.

-Project 250: The Brookfield Historical Society has received a grant to help celebrate our country's 250th anniversary in 2026. As the grant recommends a collaborative relationship with other Brookfield organizations, the Library (among others) was approached and asked if we would partner with them in their project which will consist of a series of lectures on the less acknowledged participants of our town, including women, LGQTIA folks, Native people and persons of color. The grant covers expenses, we would help in other ways such as assisting in setting up for the talks. We have agreed to be of assistance. Amy will notify the BHS of this.

-Our next meeting will be held on December 4, 2024 @ 5:30 pm, in the library