

Randolph Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2025

Present: Heather Newfield, Annie Colella, Karen Bradley, Yvonne Jenkins, Cathy Roy.
Absent: Linda Scherf, Dr. Chris Lake.

1. Annie made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Cathy seconded, all were in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Town Checking Balance: \$18,430.21
- RPL Checking Balance: \$16,557.34
- Building Fund: \$20,983.04 from statement ending 6/30/25
- Invoices were circulated for approval.
- Annie announced that she will be stepping down as treasurer at the end of her 3 year term. She has agreed to stay on as an alternate Trustee.
- Cathy has agreed to run for treasurer in March.

3. Librarian's Report

Programs

- **September 29** at 10:00 The Mildred Horton Book Group will discuss our Community Read - In the Evil Day: Violence Comes to a Small Town by Richard Adams Carey.
- **Wednesday, October 8** at 6:00 p.m. the Author, Richard Adams Carey, will be at the White Mountains Community College in Berlin to talk about the book. It will also be available to people at home via Zoom, or people can come to the Randolph Library for a watch party with a large screen.
- **October 11** "I Wonder Who Lives in That Tree" for preschool/toddlers.
- **October 25** - Halloween Fun for kids of all ages. Both will be from 10-11. Yvonne will be getting some snacks for the events.
- **October 13th** the Library will be closed for Columbus Day.
- **October 20, 2025** at 6:00 p.m. "Letters from the Mountain", a reading and discussion with editors Brad Meiklejohn and Steve Chase.
- **October 27** at 10:00 a.m. the Mildred Horton Book Group.
- Catherine Zirpolo will be working in the Library on most Saturdays this fall and winter. She will also be working next week 9/20-27 while Yvonne is away.
- Website emails need to change for both the Library and the Friends. It will now cost \$39/month each to use the current ones (info@randolphnpubliclibrary.org and friends@randolphnpubliclibrary.org). Neither one has been working for several months. Laura came to help fix it, but also learned that there

would be a new cost. We will now use our Library gmail account instead and suggest that the Friends create a gmail account to use as well.

- Computers: The circulation desk computer and the two public access computers will no longer receive security updates after October 14, 2025. Yvonne will get estimates for purchasing a new computer.
- New Outdoor Library Space update: Randy Meiklejohn, Liz Johnson and Yvonne have been working to design the new space. Karen Bradley from the Trustees has also attended one of our meetings and will remain involved. The plans will be presented to the Selectboard. Hopefully some of the work can begin this fall if we can secure a contractor to do some site work. We will be receiving a memorial gift from the May family to pay for the project. A detailed drawing and budget will be available soon.
- The RPL will be participating in the national program: "1,000 books before Kindergarten".

4. Friends Group

- The Little Free Library has been primed and is waiting for the art group to paint it.
- Harvest Pot Luck Dinner - November 15. Details to come.
- The Friends Group is encouraged to continue to offer welcome packets to new residents of Randolph.
- The next meeting will be on November 19, 2025.

5. Continuing and other business

- The board began creating an excel spreadsheet for long term plans and projects that the RPL is currently working on..
- Bay State Books, a company from MA. will be coming to Randolph to take the rest of the books that are leftover from the Book and Bake Sale, excluding mass market paperback books. They are scheduled to come sometime in October.
- We may hold a pop-up book sale on either Sunday October 5th or Monday October 13th. Details to follow.

- 6. The next meeting will be on October 15, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bradley, secretary.