

**Fair Haven Free Library
Monthly Board Meeting**

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Present: Ron Stack, Paul Patten, Judy Gevry, Ceil Hunt, Jennifer Jackson and Town Manager, Joe Gunter. PEG TV Videographer was Chris Donahue

Ron called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

The minutes of the September meeting were distributed. Judy moved to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2025, meeting as written. Paul seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no Treasurer's report as Chris is out of town, leaving before bank statements were available.

Ceil moved to amend the agenda to hear from the town manager. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Joe reported that he finished the grant, which is for \$20,000. We would need to have on hand about \$90,000 to complete the project. The Library does not have those funds available. Joe suggested we not submit the grant, but rather look for other opportunities for funding. Ceil mentioned that the VT Department of Libraries is promising another grant available for more funding should be forthcoming. The other issue is the availability of licensed masons who are certified and eligible to complete the project. Ron continues to contact the masons, with little or no response.

The Board thanked Joe for his help and work in completing the grant.

Librarian's Report

- The library was closed September 1 in observance of Labor Day.
- Genealogy Club met on September 5, 2025, with 4 people attending, next meeting will be October 3rd.
- Friends of the Library's book sale held on September 10, 2025, collected \$23.00. The next sale will be on October 4, 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Book Club met on September 8, 2025, with 8 members present to discuss *The Shut Away Sisters*. Next book club will be held on October 13, 2025, to discuss *On the Savage Side*.
- Take and Make for September was an apple core magnet - all 60 were taken. October will be Zom'Bee's.
- September had a story time on the 27th with 3 children and 7 adult participants; and a talk on Ira Allen with Kevin Graffagnino on the 28th with 17 participants. October will have another story hour on Friday the 10th at 1pm and a Bat program held by the Friends of the Library on Wednesday the 15th at 6 pm.
- The Conference Room was utilized 5 times; twice by the friends of the library for angel making, every Tuesday for my library director's course, and once for the board meeting. A total of 21 patrons. The Fair Haven Art Club will be using the Meeting Space on Monday October 6th.

- September 5 Dan Grey came to look at the outlets that weren't working. They are fine now.
- September 30 Ron Stack took the podium to see if it can be fixed.
- Jenny Jackson completed the Basic Public Library Administration class offered by the Department of Libraries earning 25 credits towards the 150 needed for certification.
- Jenny shared that there may be a need for us to reach out for more volunteers. Several are on vacation and she wants to make sure that no one is left alone during open hours. We would like to have at least two people in the library for safety reasons. The Board agreed and told Jenny she is free to pursue finding volunteers. She is going to look into how she can offer a volunteer search and training. A sub list of volunteers who can cover would also be helpful.

No New Business

Old Business:

- Richard Coombs will be unable to work on the door due to knee replacement surgery. Ron is going to pursue other options and bring back to the Board
- Policies were reviewed by Chris and Ceil and several changes will be suggested. Ceil moved to table the policies until Chris is back and the budget is complete, possibly November.
- Budget and town reports are due. We will work on budgets next month when our treasurer is back.

Ceil moved to adjourn at 6:48PM. Judy seconded.

Next Trustee Meeting will be November 5, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Ceil Hunt