



**VERMONT BOARD OF LIBRARIES  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**July 14, 2015**

**10:00 a.m. – noon**

Manchester Community Library  
Manchester, VT

**Members present:** Bruce Post, Chair; Josh Fitzhugh; Jim Gish; Lucy Comstock-Gay; Deb Granquist; Martha Reid. **Others present:** Margaret Woodruff, Vermont Library Association Representative and Betsy Bleakie, Executive Director, Manchester Community Library.

**Call to Order:** Post called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Additions/Changes to Agenda:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Fitzhugh moved to approve the April 14, 2015 minutes and Comstock-Gay seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Geographic Naming:** The Board discussed the April 14 geographic naming public hearing and decision; the general consensus was that it went well. Reid reported that new legislation will take effect in March 2016 that authorizes the Board of Transportation to take over the naming of state roads, bridges and other transportation facilities. Naming of natural geographic locations is still the responsibility of the Board of Libraries. Reid also reported that the Legislature asked the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services (BGS) and the State Librarian to make a recommendation regarding State authority for naming state buildings. Reid has met with the BGS Commissioner and they have agreed to recommend that BGS have this authority.

The Board reviewed current Geographic Naming Policies and proposed changes, with discussion focused on the merits of changing the waiting period for when a deceased person's name could be used from 1 year to 5 years to agree with the policy of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. The Board agreed on changing the policy to 5 years.

**Action Item:** Fitzhugh moved to approve the Geographic Naming policies as amended. Gish seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**State Librarians Report:** Reid reported on changes to the State Law Library, personnel changes, staff news and awards, strategic plan update, IMLS review, resource sharing and State Standards.

**Other items:**

Introduction of Margaret Woodruff, Library Director at the Charlotte Library, and the new VP of the Vermont Library Association.

The Board agreed that the Board retreat should happen after the strategic plan from Bill Wilson is completed. A date will be set once Reid has reviewed the plan.

Betsy Bleakie, Executive Director of Manchester Community Library, gave a few remarks about the history of the library, the move, the construction and fundraising. Bleakie offered to give the Board a tour of the new library following the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

**Next meeting:**

Tuesday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. – noon, Midstate Library Service Center, Berlin.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Reid".

Martha Reid,  
State Librarian and Secretary, Board of Libraries

Minutes Approved 10.13.2015