

**VERMONT BOARD OF LIBRARIES
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**October 11, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Midstate Library Service Center
578 Pain Tpke N
Berlin, Vermont**

Members present: Bruce Post, Chair; Maxie Ewins; Josh Fitzhugh; Jim Gish (via phone); Deborah Granquist (via phone); Martha Reid, Secretary/State Librarian.

Others present: Joy Worland, Vice-President, Vermont Library Association
Lin Neifert, U.S.G.S. Geospatial Liaison for Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire
Cherie Yaeger, Executive Assistant to the State Librarian

Citizens via teleconference: Dan Purjes; Tammy Greenwood-Stewart

Call to Order:

Chairman Bruce Post called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of July 12, 2016 will be presented at the January 2017 Board meeting.

Geographic Naming Public Hearing:

Pine Lake

Josh Fitzhugh made a motion, seconded by Deborah Granquist, to convene the geographic naming public hearing to consider a citizen petition submitted by Dan Purjes, a resident of Whitingham, Vermont, to rename North Pond, located on property owned by Mr. Purjes, to “Pine Lake.” Bruce Post noted that Mr. Purjes had submitted an earlier petition for the name of Zen Lake for the same feature. At a public hearing held on July 12, 2016, the Board of Libraries voted to deny the name of Zen Lake.

Dan Purjes provided testimony via teleconference and discussed the history of the feature, stating that North Pond was originally named by John North, who created a dam on his property which in turn created the body of water that he named North Pond. Purjes noted that there is a North Pond and a North Pond Road in Marlboro, near Whitingham, which causes some confusion for those trying to visit the Marlboro location.

The Select Board of Whitingham provided written testimony stating that the Town does not object to the name Pine Lake. Martha Reid reported that research conducted by the Department of Libraries found no other Pine Lake in Vermont. Mr. Fitzhugh made the motion, seconded by Ms. Ewins, “to change the name of North Pond to Pine Lake.” The motion passed 5 to 0. Mr. Purjes thanked the Board.

Craig Cove

Ms. Greenwood-Stewart, a resident of San Diego, CA, with family roots in Vermont, participated in the public hearing via telephone, to support the petition she submitted to name an unnamed cove located at the north end of Newark Pond, in the Town of Newark, as “Craig Cove.”

Ms. Greenwood-Stewart cited the history of her family’s camp on Newark Pond where the cove is located: in 1941 Ms. Greenwood-Stewart’s great-grandfather and grandfather built the family camp on the north end of Newark Pond. Her great-grandfather was a builder who built many camps on the Pond and five generations of her family have lived or spent time at this camp. Ms. Greenwood-Stewart stated that her grandfather died thirteen years ago, and her great-grandfather died in 1961. Her petition was submitted with the intent that Craig Cove be named in their honor.

Greenwood-Stewart’s petition includes names of many others who own property on Newark Pond near the Cove. The Town of Newark provided written testimony that the Town approves the naming of “Craig Cove.”

Mr. Fitzhugh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Granquist, “to approve the request to call this cove on Newark Pond, Craig Cove, in memory of the two deceased members of the Craig family.” The motion passed 5 to 0.

Lin Neifert stated that the Board needed to amend the motion to include information that the persons honored by the name of “Craig Cove” have been deceased for at least five years. The Board approved an amended motion that included information that both honorees have been deceased for more than five years.

Mr. Post then closed the geographic naming public hearing.

Other Business

Information from U.S.G.S.

Lin Neifert, U.S.G.S. Geospatial Liaison for Vermont, shared information about the location of Great Falls, which was so named by the Board of Libraries on July 12, 2016, as part of a petition to name multiple waterways in the Rockingham, VT region. Neifert stated that most of “Great Falls” is located in New Hampshire, with the New Hampshire border on the west side of the river. Mr. Neifert reported that he is currently working to get consensus from New Hampshire for approval of the name Great Falls. He has contacted the N.H. state geologist and the person(s) responsible for New Hampshire geographic naming. Once New Hampshire gives approval Neifert will refer the name for federal approval by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. If New Hampshire does not approve the name, Neifert will alert the Board.

Mr. Neifert recommended that the Board invite Monique Fordham, U.S.G.S. National Tribal Liaison and Vermont resident, to the next Board meeting to discuss the use of Native American names for Vermont geographic features. Chairman Post said he would contact Ms. Fordham before the January 2017 Board meeting.

Future Role(s) of the Board of Libraries: Board Discussion

Chairman Post noted that many recent Board of Libraries’ meetings have focusd on geographic naming, with limited, if any, time to discuss matters related to libraries, and asked for feedback from the Board on the future role(s) of the Board.

Ms. Ewins noted that in 2016 the Board was involved in the study on the reorganization of the Department of Libraries, conducted by Himmel & Wilson Library Consultants, and is eager to learn more about what has been done since the study was published. She also noted that though some library-related work has been done by Board committees, she wants to be more current and involved on library matters.

Martha Reid reported that geographic naming was likely first assigned to the Board of Libraries because research on proposed names was conducted by State Library staff. With current changes in the role of the State Library – and the lack of expertise in the Department of Libraries on geographic naming, Reid suggested that the Board might shift this responsibility to another Board or Commission, or fill current Board vacancies with persons who have needed expertise.

Chairman Post recommended that the Board keep current statutory responsibilities. Mr. Fitzhugh asked how geographic naming duties could be done more efficiently and wondered whether legislative action should be taken to assign geographic naming to the Agency of Natural Resources.

Lin Neifert recommended that a Board committee or subcommittee which includes representatives from other State agencies/departments be included in geographic naming since these names can affect many different areas of government, e.g., E911 addresses.

Members of the Board discussed the dual roles of the Board and the need to create more balance between library matters and geographic naming. Mr. Fitzhugh proposed to devote the January 2017 meeting to a discussion of Board duties and structure and defer making any decisions on filling two Board vacancies until after that discussion.

Chairman Post and Martha Reid will meet before the January 2017 meeting and will present options to the Board members at that meeting.

Report from State Librarian

The Department of Libraries is part of a multi-state contract with QualityMetrics to complete a federally-required independent evaluation of the Department's federal LSTA (Library Services & Technology Act) 5-Year Plan, 2012-2017. The evaluation report will be submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in February 2017. The Department's new federal LSTA 5-Year Plan is due to the Institute of Museum and Library Services in June 2017. Maxie Ewins and Deborah Granquist will provide Board input in the creation of the new plan.

In July 2016, the Department of Libraries transferred the State Library's collection of Vermont State documents to the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA), which will now have responsibility for State documents.

The Department of Libraries will move offices and consolidate space at 109/111 State Street in Montpelier this FY and is looking at long-term space needs with the goal to have all functions of the Department (now split between Berlin and Montpelier) housed at a single location.

Scott Murphy has been hired as the new Assistant State Librarian for Library Advancement.

Adjournment: 12:00 p.m

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Reid, Secretary

2017 Meeting Schedule

The Board of Libraries meets quarterly (January, April, July, and October) on the second Tuesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Board Committee meetings are scheduled as needed. All meetings are posted on the [State of Vermont public meetings](#) list.

Date	Time	Location	Purpose
January 10, 2017	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	TBD	Regular Board meeting Annual Election of Officers
April 11, 2017	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	TBD	Regular Board meeting
July 11, 2017	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	TBD	Regular Board meeting
October 10, 2017	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	TBD	Regular Board meeting

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