

**VERMONT BOARD OF LIBRARIES  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**DRAFT**

**April 10, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Rockingham Free Public Library  
Bellows Falls, Vermont**

**Members present:** Bruce Post (Chair), Deborah Granquist (Vice Chair), Scott Murphy (State Librarian, Secretary) Josh Fitzhugh, Tom Frank, Maxie Ewins

**Others present:** Cherie Yaeger (Executive Assistant to the State Librarian), Jason Broughton (VTLIB), Peter Bergstrom, Franklin Geist, Roberta Geist

**Call to Order:** Chair Bruce Post called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and welcomed Peter Bergstrom, and Franklin and Roberta Geist. Josh Fitzhugh and Maxie Ewins joined the meeting via video conference.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of January 10, 2018 were adopted with these corrections presented by Post.

Josh Fitzhugh made a motion to approve the January 9, 2017 minutes with Post's corrections. Tom Frank seconded. All members approved unanimously in favor, with corrections.

**Geographic Naming**

The board took up the geographic naming requests submitted by Peter Bergstrom to name five hills, two locales, one summit, and one slope in the towns of Rockingham and Westminster. All board members were given the letter from Mr. Bergstrom to the Scott Murphy, State Librarian, for the nine name requests to review before voting on the names. Information given to board members included all signed petitions, sample letters to the towns and residents, the notice of public hearing, and all communications between the Department, other state agencies, and the U.S. Board on Geographic Naming.

Post asked Mr. Bergstrom to speak on the naming requests that the board was reviewing at the meeting. Mr. Bergstrom explained that these geographic name requests came about after the board worked on naming rivers in Rockingham. Jenny Runyon, from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (U.S. BGN), mentioned to Mr. Bergstrom that some of the rivers that were named by the board, are named after hills from Rockingham that were not officially named.

Mr. & Mrs. Geist were then asked by Post if they had anything to share about the hill names. Mr. and Mrs. Geist live on Hitchcock hill, and shared with the board that they are in favor of naming the hill

Hitchcock hill.

Post then asked Cherie Yaeger what were the responses on the names from the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and the U.S. BGN. Yaeger responded that both the U.S. BGN and the Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation (an agency of ANR) were in agreement with the name changes. U.S. BGN provided the correct location coordinates and type of location for each hill, slope, locale, and ridge.

Post then went over the nine names that the board would be voting on.

1. Name a hill near the end of Hitchcock Road, approximately 0.4 miles NE of the SW corner of Rockingham, located in Rockingham, County of Windham, VT, at this location: Latitude: 43.13294, Longitude: -72.55211 as "Hitchcock Hill."
2. Name the locale along Bemis Hill Road located in Westminister, County of Windham, VT, at this location: Latitude: 43.11389, Longitude: -72.54997 as "Bemis Hill."
3. Name the summit along the ridge near Bemis Hill Road located in Westminister, County of Windham, VT, at this location: Latitude: 43.09937, Longitude: -72.5637 as "Bemis Hill."
4. Name a hill near the end of Wiley Hill Rd., west of Pleasant Valley Road, located in Rockingham, County of Windham, VT, at this location: Latitude: 43.19644, Longitude: -72.53296 as "Wiley Hill."
5. Name the highest point in Rockingham, a hill near the end of Atcherson Hollow Rd., located in Rockingham, County of Windham, VT, at this location: Latitude: 43.18704, Longitude: -72.54456 as "Berry Hill."
6. Name the locale/neighborhood above Hyde Street, on the side of Oak Hill, in which Hyde Hill Brook flows down, located in the village of Bellows Falls, in Rockingham, County of Windham, VT, at this location: Latitude: 43.13874, Longitude: -72.45636 as "Hyde Hill."
7. Name a hill near on the ridge near Rockingham Hill Rd., approximately 0.8 miles NW of Signal Hill, located in Rockingham, County of Windham, VT, at this location: Latitude: 43.17268, Longitude: -72.50553 as "Rockingham Hill."
8. Name a hill on the ridge, north of Shepard Lane, approximately 1.0 miles W of Signal Hill, located in Rockingham, County of Windham, VT, at this location: Latitude: 43.16640, Longitude: -72.51149 as "Shepard Hill."
9. Name a slope, located in Rockingham, County of Windham, VT at this location: Latitude: 43.13657, Longitude: -72.45655 as "Hyde Hill."

Bruce recommended the board move a motion to vote on accepting the nine names presented to the board by Mr. Bergstrom. Josh made a motion to approve all nine names presented to the board. Frank seconded the motion. Post commenced the voting and noted all "aye's". The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

### **Department of Libraries Update:**

Murphy introduced Jason Broughton, Assistant State Librarian for Library Advancement, to the Board.

Murphy discussed how move planning and preparations are going within the department. The Department held an open house for libraries to take books from the collection that will not be moving to Barre, the remaining books not moving to Barre will be given to Better World Books to sell. The department will receive a percentage of the sale of the books, which will in turn be used to purchase new titles once the department is in its new location. Murphy stated that the entire department will move to Barre in the middle to end of June.

Murphy updated the board on ongoing projects, and 23 new partnerships with other state agencies and departments, and other organizations. Murphy also updated the board on new grant programs that the department is currently discussing to put into place.

Murphy also mentioned state public library standards, and that the department feels that it would be beneficial to review the 1986 standards and adjust these standards as needed. Due to the move the Department will not be able to review standards until later in 2018 or 2019.

The budget is currently in the Senate, Murphy stated things are looking promising. However, he did note that the department had \$250,000 cut from the budget due to the lower rent that will be paid for the Barre space, and \$50,000 due to a mandatory rescission.

Fitzhugh asked Murphy if there was any movement on the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award name. Murphy explained that he is working with Vermont Center for the book to take over all three book awards that the Department currently oversees or provides support to.

### **Other Business:**

Post mentioned that Deb Granquist, has another commitment on the second Tuesday of each month. There had been a conversation in October to look at changing the dates of meetings. Post noted that the dates and times of meetings are in the bylaws, and any changes to the bylaws must be publicly noticed. For the next meeting it was discussed to change the meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of July, and to look at the bylaws when there are more board members in attendance.

Frank made a motion to have the next meeting on July 17, 2018 at the new Department of Libraries location at 60 Washington Street, Barre. Fitzhugh seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the time and location.



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*Agency of Administration*

Fitzhugh wanted to make note that both Bruce Post and Deb Granquist were reappointed to the board for full terms. Post stated that this will be both his and Granquist's last terms.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.