

**VERMONT BOARD OF LIBRARIES
MINUTES OF MEETING**

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**July 17, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Department of Libraries
Barre, 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),

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Post called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Deborah Granquist joined the meeting via video conference.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were not distributed at meeting; however Bruce Post brought a copy of the minutes with some identified changes needed. The minutes of January 10, 2018 were adopted with the 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 request submitted by Eben Patch to name elevation 2006 located in Johnson to Emery Mountain. All board members were given the geographic naming request submitted by Mr. Patch, and all correspondence pertaining to the naming request. 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. Patch to speak on the naming request that the board was reviewing at the meeting. Mr. Patch explained that generations of the Emery family have lived at this location. Mr. Patch is engaged to a daughter of the Emery family, and he thought it was fitting to have this elevation named for the family. Discussion between the board and Mr. Patch, concerning the name.

Josh Fitzhugh made a motion to vote on approving the name of Emery Mountain for elevation 2006. Tom Frank seconded the motion. Post commenced the voting and noted all in favor – 5 in favor, no opposed. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Post put discussion of renaming Mount Ascutney to Kaskadenak to the side, as there was no one in attendance to speak for the petition. Post wanted to give the petitioner time to speak, if he was running late.

Department of Libraries Update:

Scott Murphy updated the board on projects, partnerships, working with state agencies and departments, and the move.

Fitzhugh asked what the Department of Libraries does for state agencies and departments. Murphy stated that state employees can get a library card to take out books from the department's collections. The Department also partners with agencies and departments, such as Agriculture and Tax, to promote services and programs to communities through local libraries. The Department has also been working with the State training unit (CAPS) and the Lean program managers to purchase books for the libraries collections that directly relate to the CAPS and Lean programs.

Post asked about the Law Library at the Vermont Law School (VLS). Murphy explained that the department gives a \$90,000 grant to VLS every year to run the law library for use by all citizens.

Library Standards:

The board reviewed the 1986 standards that are currently in effect. The board also reviewed the draft of the 1998 standards. Murphy told the board that over the next year the next steps are to identify how the department will review standards, will there need to be a standards review committee, and gathering information for new standards.

Post inquired if a subcommittee should be formed from board members to start working on new library standards. Murphy mentioned that part of the process had already been done, in that the department had gathered standards from other states to review as a first step to reviewing our state library standards. There was a discussion on big libraries versus small libraries, and if standards should be the same for all libraries. Murphy mentioned smaller libraries would like to see a tiered standard system. Fitzhugh mentioned having a 'star' system, for libraries that meet certain standards.

A discussion on Rules versus standards was had between the board and Murphy. Tom Frank asked for clarification on what was being set, rules or standards? Frank mentioned that rules and standards are very different things, and this needs to be clarified at the beginning of the process. Granquist asked, if standards are enforceable, and if they aren't enforceable why have them at all. Murphy was asked what he thought about library standards, to which he replied they are needed so the department can run a successful grant program, in which all libraries applying for grants must meet standards to receive grant money.

Other Business:

Post said that he received notice from Lars Torres that he would be stepping down from the board. The board discussed how this position would be filled.

Post noted that the next meeting is on October 10, 2018. Deb Granquist noted she will be unavailable that date.

Geographic Naming, Continued:

The board took up the geographic naming petition, submitted by Robert Hutchins, to rename Mount Ascutney to Kaskadenak. Mr. Hutchins was not in attendance. Post asked if anyone in attendance had anything to say about the renaming request. Rachel Nelson and Chris Dion spoke about the naming request. Ms. Nelson read a letter that her brother, Benjamin Nelson, wrote against the renaming of the mountain to Kaskadenak, however he did recommend renaming the mountain to Kaskadenak at Ascutney. Murphy stated that this recommendation could not be voted on at this meeting, and if Mr. Nelson wanted to submit this name he would need to submit a new naming petition.

Fitzhugh made a motion to close the hearing on the petition to rename Mount Ascutney to Kaskadenak. This motion was seconded by Frank. All members voted in favor of closing the hearing.

Fitzhugh then made a motion to vote to deny the petition. Maxie Ewins seconded the motion. Fitzhugh expressed that with the responses against the name change from State entities, towns located near Mount Ascutney, and residents against the name change there is no reason to approve the name change. This decision is made without prejudice, if, at a later time, some come back to the board with more support for the name change the board would be willing to look at the name request again.

Post called for a vote, all in favor – all ayes. Post states, the board votes 5 to 0 to not approve the name change of Mount Ascutney.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.