Present: Judith Bellamy, Connie Bresnahan, Howard Burrows, Christine deVallet; Staff: Starr LaTronica;
Absent: Prudence Baird. Guests: Elizabeth McCollum, Alex Stinson.

1. Call to order: Howard called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

2. Public comment: None

3. Minutes of February 28, 2016: The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. New Business
   • Committee Membership: Pam Becker and Helene Henry have resigned from the committee. New trustee Connie
     Bresnahan, a retired middle school teacher, has joined. Elizabeth McCollum will send letter of interest in
     joining the committee. Alex Stinson will remain as a consultant on digital/Wikimedia matters. Committee
     members and guests introduced themselves.
   • Building & Grounds Update: With insufficient time to make a formal inventory, Christine has been listing and
     measuring all items in FA storage and working with architect Chip Greenberg (who has been enthusiastic and
     responsive) to plan for efficient use of space in the new storage room. Starr reported that services of the project
     manager have been suspended in favor of a construction manager to oversee the actual work. An RFQ (request
     for quote) for that position has been issued.
   • Five-year Strategic Plan Update: There was discussion about partnering with other cultural organizations for
     offsite display and storage space. Howard and Starr reported that the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center and the
     Municipal Center have been contacted and found to have no appropriate space. Brattleboro Memorial Hospital
     was suggested for display in view of their active local art display spaces. Marlboro College and Graduate Center
     and SIT (School for International Training) were also suggested as possible partners. Howard noted that a new
     five-year plan could provide opportunity to attract funding for new partnerships/collaborations related to specific
     objectives.
   • There was brief discussion of regional groups, specifically New England Museum Association (NEMA), that
     sponsor programs of interest to the library. Judith had emailed about two such programs recently, and she
     described NEMA’s professional interest groups’ meetings/presentations. Howard suggested the library could
     invite recognized experts to present similar programs at the library for the benefit of local organizations.
   • Display Schedule: Christine said there will likely be a final exhibit on the mezzanine walls at the end of the
     month. No more displays will occur until after construction is completed. There was discussion about the
     donated display case and those remaining, including the relocation or possible elimination of the children’s
     book illustrators cases on the second floor. Judith emphasized the importance of continuing the children’s
     illustrators program and keeping its display cases. (Note: Exhibits are scheduled through November.)
   • Wikithon: Alex described Wikimedia’s “Edit-a-Thon,” at which groups of about 10 community members
     interested in specific topics are brought together to update and/or create Wikipedia articles on those topics. He
     offered to facilitate such an activity in August. A 30-minute introductory lecture and instruction on digital
     updating would precede each session, and refreshments would be offered. Each session would last about 4
     hours. Elizabeth suggested printing in Brattleboro as a topic, as the Historical Society has resources. Nationally
     known Vermont librarian/blogger Jessamyn West was suggested as a speaker.

5. NEXT MEETING: In September, but not presently scheduled. Working group/subcommittee will be formed in
   the meantime to pursue Wiki editing.

6. Adjournment: Howard adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.