

January 13, 1943.

MR. Wells, Kay, Laliberte, Crawford and Mrs. Smith were present.

The secretary read her report which was accepted. Next the treasurer's report was read and accepted.

It was voted to return to the town the sum of \$ 111.07. This was unexpended fiscal funds.

Miss Shane read a report which was discussed. Her recommendations were accepted. It was voted to file the annual budget estimate for the current year.

The treasurer was directed to furnish renewal bond as required, and also arrange for the annual audit.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gertrude W. Smith*  
Secretary

*Officers reelected as of 1942.*

April, 20, 1943.

Mr. Kay, Mr. Wells Dr. Pioppi, Mrs. Smith,  
and Mr. Crawford present.

Election meeting----- Following offices were elected for  
the current year (1) Chairman--Mr. Edwards

(2) Secretary---Mrs. Smith

(3) Treasurer--Mr. Crawford

Edwards Trustees re-appointed--as of 1942.

Dr. Pioppi was welcomed as the new trustee for the town.  
(appointed until 1946)

Report of auditor J. Osborn Holmes, was read and accepted.  
Bond for the treasurer \$4000. accepted and put in sec.  
files.

Treasurer's report read and accepted also  
that of the secretary.

Sub-committees as of last year.

Miss Shane reported and it was decided to  
Have the water pipes cleaned.

Janitor's pay to be raised as of May 1943.

Have the coalbins kept filled as a wartime precaution.

Mrs. Smith (secretary)

May, 18 1943.

Mr. Crawford, Mr. Laliberte, Mr. Kay,  
Dr. Pioppi, and Mrs. Smith were present.

Voted to offer \$1600.00 to the applicant  
for the reference assistant. It was spoken of again that  
the coal bins must be filled to carry on as usual.

The meeting was opened to a committee from  
the town.

This group represented the plans for a  
War Memorial, they desired to have it placed on the  
front lawn of the library.

Mr. Benoit, Mr. Guertin, Mr. De Angelis,  
and Mr. Beauregard explained their plan showed a model  
and blue print of the proposed Memorial.

After due discussion a motion was made and  
seconded

To approve the erection of an Honor Roll  
of service men as proposed by the above committee.

Details to be worked out under super-  
vision of Mr. Oswald Laliberte.

Gertrude W. Smith.

A letter was sent to the town by the secretary,  
notifying them of this decision.

Committee for War  
Memorial Honor Roll.

May 19, 1943.

Gentlemen: —

The Trustees of the Jacob  
Edwards War Memorial voted to approve  
the erection <sup>on the library grounds</sup> of the Honor Roll for  
service men from Southbridge as pro-  
posed by your committee.

Details to be worked out &  
written agreement to be drawn up  
& submitted to Mrs. Oswald Sabbert  
as Library <sup>Trustee</sup> representative.

Respectfully submitted

Gertrude W Smith

Secretary

Jan 18 - Crawford Edwards  
Robbitt Kay & Smith, Dierpi

Admissions report for 1943.

Budget figures ready by

Jan. 2. + accepted

Seventy report ready

accepted

\$ 14350. + request

for extra 1000.

as in past months

sums 4000 of the total

amount expended.

Jan 29 1963.

June, 22, 1943.

Mr. Edwards, Crawford, Kay, Laliberte,

Dr. Pioppi were present.

Agreed to accept the signed agreement and proposal from the committee in charge of Honor Roll for men in the armed forces-----Terms as to responsibilities ( the committee in regard to maintenance)

Miss Shane reported on new staff member Elaine Van Nostrand arriving July, 15, and on marriage of Clara Mc Master and her request for a leave of absence for three or four months. Board voted to grant Miss Mc Master this leave, in view of her long and faithful service and to extend their best wishes to her.

Semi-annual financial report will be sent to members and next meeting will be in September.

Eleanor Shane (sec pro tem)

September, 22, 1943.

Mr. Kay, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Crawford.  
Mr. Edwards, Mr. Wells were present.

The board voted to make an attempt to obtain a new person trained for library work. Write a letter to the former Miss Mc Masterin regard to her leave of absence.

Mr. Edwards will closely watch the coal situation and the coal bins in the building.

The board voted to have the secretary get estimates on cost of painting the outside trim and fence around the library. This to be done before it is too late in the season for such work.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Gertrude W. Smith. *Secretary.*

October, 21, 1943

Mr. Crawford, Laliberte, Kay, and Mrs. Smith attended.

Miss Shane reported on conditions at the library especially personnel. It was decided to try once again for an assistant to care for the children's division.

Voted to give Miss Renaud a raise to the amount of \$1000; effective as of October, 1, 1943.

Mr. Crawford told of the financial condition for the first nine months of the current year.

Coal situation gloomy due to the coal strike.

\$ 1000.00 be transferred to Trustees Fund making that total \$3000.00

Gertrude W. Smith, sec.

November, 22, 1943.

Mr. Crawford, Laliberte, Dr. Pioppi and Mrs. Smith present.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Voted to give Miss Van Nostrand a week's absence with pay (illness at home.)

Account from the New England Trust Company of Grace Edward's Estate read.

Voted to put \$1000.00 into reserve fund in the Southbridge Savings Bank.

Gertrude W. Smith, sec.



December, 21, 1943.

Mr. Crawford, Laliberte, Dr.

Pioppi and Mrs. Smith present.

Annual treasurer's report read  
and accepted.

The budget for the coming year  
was discussed.

Voted to have the accounts and r  
records audited as is the custom.

Miss Shane made recommendations for  
the new budget.

Gertrude W. Smith, sec.

*G. W. Smith*