

Meeting Location: New Ipswich Town Office, 661 Turnpike Road, New Ipswich

Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

Attendees: Bert Hamill, Jeff Carter, Debbie Deaton, Mary Passamonte, Evelyn Milford, and Robert Zinsmeister.

The meetings were called to order at 1:37 p.m.

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Old Business:

The minutes of the June 4th meeting were read and approved.

New Business:

We welcomed new alternate members Debbie Deaton, Mary Passamonte, and Evelyn Milford.

Debbie said that our method for handling requests for fund disbursements would benefit from a formal procedure. Currently there have been issues with fund balance, misrouting, misplacement, and general confusion. Debbie, Mary, and Bob will collaborate on developing a process to provide routing and status. Jeff will work on a balance sheet approach to provide current fund values based on the previous month MS-9 and any deposits and withdrawals since then.

The Fire Chief and another department member talked about increasing wildfire dangers and concerns about our growing conservation lands. They need additional wildfire hose and PPE to assure adequate response to anticipated increase in incidents. They are requesting funding from the Land Conservation CRF for these purchases. They were informed that such use is contrary to the purpose of the CRF and cannot be done. See article 20 of the 2007 town warrant for the establishment and purpose of this CRF. Refer to RSA chapter 35 section 35.1 - Establishment of Reserves Authorized and section 35:15 V – Expenditures.

Bob said there is a problem with the Trustee's files. The cabinet is overflowing with past years actions and needs a way to delete or store items in accordance with records retention requirements. Mary offered to help with this.

The Trustees also approved the Stearns/Burton Children's Fair request previously approved by that committee.

Three checks were received as donations to the 275th anniversary celebration fund;

- #3836 from Scotty's Potties for \$1,000,
- #8291 from Anrik Irrigation for \$500, and
- #21113143-7 from Town of New Ipswich for \$1,000 (aggregate of other checks).

One check, #18060 for \$250, was received for deposit into the cemetery Trust for the Nygard burial.

One check, #63254 for \$13,710, received from Town of New Ipswich for deposit into the Fire Department CRF to correct an overpayment.

Four requests for disbursement were prepared for fax to TBFA:

- \$53,813 from Parks and Recreation CRF for pool repairs and water,
- \$3,114 from Building Maintenance CRF for electrical repairs at the town garage,
- \$2,450 from Building Maintenance for cleaning an oil storage tank, and
- \$16,489 from SAU 87 Building Maintenance CRF for ventilation repairs at High Bridge elementary and replacement of the water softener at the high school.

Stearns-Burton Committee

New Business:

The committee received a request for funding for *Rainforest Reptiles* to be presented at this year's Children's Fair. It was approved and forwarded to the Trustees.

The meetings were adjourned at 3:24 p.m.