

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on June 5, 1909, Mr. Charles L. Beals (known as “an exceptionally wise, far-seeing financier,”) donated the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to the Town of Winchendon for the purpose of building a public library to be called the Beals Memorial Library, in memory of his wife, Hattie M. Beals, and George L. Beals, and family, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beals imposed no obligation on the town with reference to the care of or maintenance of said building, believing that the citizens of this town will always provide therefore with public spirit and enlightened generosity, and

WHEREAS, the beautiful new Beals Memorial Library, described as being seventy by sixty feet, of roman brick with Indiana limestone with granite trimmings constructed at a cost of \$32,300, was dedicated at a ceremony held in Town Hall on the afternoon of September 30, 1913 before a capacity audience, where Selectman Charles M. Day and Elisha M. Whitney, for the building committee, presented the keys to the new institution to Dr. John G. Henry, Chairman of the Library Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the Beals Memorial Library mission became to be to serve the town of Winchendon as a center for education, culture, recreation and information, and after nearly 100 years, the Beals Memorial Library building continues to serve Winchendon’s residents with over 3,600 registered borrowers by housing over 37,000 items including books, DVDs, recordings as well as providing free access to computers, the Internet, programs, and discount museum passes, and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Beals Memorial Library has been committed to meet the needs of community residents of all ages with their pursuit of personal, educational, and occupational interests,

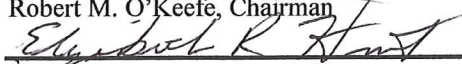
NOW, THEREFORE, THE WINCHENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN does hereby proclaim September two thousand and thirteen as,

BEALS MEMORIAL LIBRARY MONTH

in the Town of Winchendon, Massachusetts in honor of its 100th anniversary on September 30, 2013 and in humble gratitude for the many years of service.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hand and caused the seal of the Town of Winchendon Board of Selectmen to be affixed on this ninth day of September, 2013, A.D.


Robert M. O'Keefe, Chairman


Elizabeth R. Hunt, Vice Chairwoman


Keith R. Barrows, Selectman


C. Jackson Blair, Selectman


Fedor Berndt, Selectman