

**Deering Library Board of Trustees
762 Deering Center Road
Deering NH 03244**

Minutes of March 6, 2024

Trustees present: Chair Betsy Holmes, Eric Stauffer, and Sue Thomas. Also, present was resident Pat Finn. The meeting was called to order by Chair Holmes at 7:00 pm

Minutes: Unanimous vote to accept the minutes of February 6, 2024

Updates on Board Business; Betsy Holmes approved and submitted the library Eversource bill for payment. Sue Thomas reported receiving directions from TD Bank on obtaining new signature cards for the library checking account. Once new board officials are elected and the vote is recorded in the minutes, a copy can be sent to TD Bank along with a request to add and remove signers. This will be done at the April board meeting, after town elections. Betsy passed the library checkbook on to Eric Stauffer. Sue reported that the new library sign was obtained and hung above the porch. There are no other outstanding bills at this time.

Programming for 2024; Betsy reported that the library has not yet received the grant check from NH Humanities for the presentation by Rebecca Rule on April 6th. The check is expected to be for \$300 to cover the program, and the library will be responsible to pay for mileage. Betsy will find out the mileage charge so that a check request can be submitted in advance for the full cost of the program. Sue reported that the intended children's program from the Caterpillar Lab is not working out for this year, as they are booked for workable dates in 2024. Sue presented the possibility of a program from the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, "Eyes of the Wild: Hawks and Owls". The date of Saturday June 29th is available, and the Trustees voted unanimously to host this program. Sue will contact the Science Center and make arrangements for the program. There was additional discussion of a third program in the Fall from Humanities to Go. The Trustees voted to pursue a program on Norman Rockwell's WW II paintings. Sue will contact the presenter prior to the next Trustee meeting to determine availability. Eric Stauffer reported attending a meeting of the Historical Society regarding the 250th anniversary celebration in July. He suggested that it would be more helpful to contact the 250th Committee to see how the library can best assist with the celebration events.

Review of the Warrant Article Discussion at Public Session; Sue Thomas reported receiving notice that the wording of the library warrant article was rejected by the NH Department of Revenue Administration. Since the BOS did not submit the warrant article to the DRA in time for the wording to be corrected before Deering Town Meeting, the library warrant article will not be presented. The Trustees all expressed disappointment, and discussed how to now obtain funds for the planned interior painting of the library building. Sue will attend the next BOS meeting to discuss funding options.

Other discussion; Advertising will be initiated by Betsy and Sue this week for the April 6th program. A meeting for all library volunteers was scheduled for Wednesday April 24th. Work dates to get the library building ready for the season will be Saturday May 4th and 11th, with a planned opening day of May 18th. The Little Free Libraries will be filled by Sue next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1, at 7 pm in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas