

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

Minutes of April 1, 2024

Trustees present: Eric Stauffer, Sue Thomas and Pat Finn. Also present was resident and former Chair Betsy Holmes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes

Unanimous vote to accept the minutes of March 6, 2024

Vote for Library Trustee Positions

- Unanimous vote to accept the following positions:
 - Susan Thomas, Chair
 - Eric Stauffer, Treasurer
 - Patricia Finn, Secretary

Board Business

- Sue reported instructions from TD Bank on obtaining new signature cards for the Library's checking account. A copy of the April 1, 2024, minutes, indicating Sue as newly appointed Chair of the Deering Library Board of Trustees, will be sent to TD Bank along with a request to remove Betsy Holmes and add Sue as a signer for the Library account.
- Eric reports that a check for \$300 was received from the NH Humanities Council for the Rebecca Rule presentation scheduled April 6, 2024. The check has been deposited in the TD account. Rebecca Rule will be paid \$365 (\$300 for program, \$65 for mileage).

Rebecca Rule program scheduled April 6, 2024

- Betsy Holmes confirmed with Rebecca Rule her arrival of 1:30 for the 2 p.m. presentation on Saturday, April 6, 2024.
- Sue reports that she will purchase refreshments and paper goods.
- Trustees to arrive at 1:15 for set-up.
- The 250th Anniversary Committee has requested to sell 250th swag at the program. The trustees were unanimously in agreement and approved this request.

250th Anniversary Update

- Eric and Sue reported updates on the Library's displays for the Historical Society's 250th event on Friday, July 19, at the E. Deering Church. Eric is creating a presentation about the Deering School Houses and Sue is creating a presentation on the history of the library.
- Eric and Sue will attend the next Historical Society meeting on April 11.

Library Interior Painting

- Sue reports that she received a quote of \$3,431.01 from CertaPro for the removal of old interior paint and application of new in the library.
- As per the recommendation of the BOS at their meeting on March, 7, 2024, ARPA funds will be requested to cover this expense.
- Sue reports that she has the ARPA form and is on the agenda for the April 9th BOS meeting.
- Unanimous vote to approve the CertaPro quote and request ARPA funds.

Library Volunteers' Meeting

- Sue confirmed that she has reserved the Town Hall for Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 for the library volunteers' summer planning meeting.
- May 4 – tentative date for cleaning the library.
- May 11 – tentative date for moving books from the Town Hall to the library.
- May 18 – tentative opening day, with plan to be open every Saturday 11 a.m. -2 p.m. through September, with programs scheduled twice a month.
- Squam Lake Science Center Owl Program scheduled June 29 at 2 p.m. in the Town Hall.
- Possible summer program topics:
 - Antique Silver with Tommy Copadis, date TBD
 - Biodiversity with Eric Simon, date TBD
 - Children's Paining with Pat Finn, tentative date July 27
 - Gems and Minerals with Mike Thomas, August 10
 - Plein Air Painting with Betsey Holmes, tentative date August 24
 - Wildlife Photography with Deanna Wood, September 14

Other discussion

- Betsy Holmes gave the board Town of Deering Annual Reports from 1909, 1913, and 1918, given to her by the New Boston Public Library. Eric will check the current archives to determine if we have these editions or not.
- Brief discussion about training Pat and Eric on the process for cleaning and restocking the Little Free Libraries. Will also consider finding a library volunteer to do this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, at 7 pm in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Finn