

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

Minutes of July 11, 2022

Trustees present: Chair Betsy Holmes, Eric Stauffer, and Susan Thomas

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holmes at 7:00 pm

Minutes: Unanimous vote to accept the minutes of June 6.

Updates on Board Business; Betsy Holmes stated that she has deposited the checks received for the brick fundraiser into the library checking account. Sue Thomas reported that a bill for removal of the two ash trees has not been received yet. She will message Barry LaValley.

Updates on Building Work; Trustees noted that the removal of the two ash trees next to the schoolhouse building has been completed. Sue reported that she has contacted Colonial Lighting about the exterior light that was ordered, and it is not yet available. Betsy and Sue reported meeting with John at Lawnboy Landscaping and giving him a check for the 50% deposit for the walkway. The plan for construction of the walkway and stairs is still set for the beginning of August, providing that the materials are available.

History Image Project: Eric Stauffer provided a detailed spreadsheet of Deering historical items that he has researched for display in the library. The Trustees discussed that most of these items were not sufficiently old or did not lend themselves well to display. Eric has also contacted the Hillsborough Historical Society / Museum to see what they might have for old pictures of Deering or old maps. He will report at the next meeting.

Brick Project Updates; Betsy and Sue reported that a total of 97 bricks were sold in the fundraising project. Sue will bring a check to paveLok in Bow for 50% of the engraving cost tomorrow. All brick engraving information has been entered into an Excel spreadsheet that Sue will provide to paveLok. The landscaper will deliver the bricks to be engraved directly to paveLok, as they become available. Betsy mentioned that she will draft a letter to acknowledge the brick buyers, that we can mail once we have a date for the library open house.

Review of the Library Bylaws; Eric Stauffer provided updated bylaws to include the changes made by the Trustees at the last meeting. The final document was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Trustees. Eric will send the bylaws to Julius and ask that he post them.

Establish Plan for an Open House; The Trustees discussed a possible timeframe to hold a library open house, after the walkway is completed. This will likely occur in the Fall, and may be partnered to coincide with another town event. Betsy will check with the Deering Association to try to coordinate an event.

Speaker Programs; The event on One Room Schoolhouses in New Hampshire is all set for August 5th. The Trustees will meet early to set up chairs and a refreshment table. Betsy is in charge of obtaining refreshments.

Library Open for Circulation; The Trustees discussed that the plan to re-open the schoolhouse library for book circulation this year may not be feasible. The Trustees scheduled another work party for August 11th at 1 pm to continue to organize and clean the library building.

Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday August 1 at 7:00 pm, at the schoolhouse library.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas