

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

Minutes of August 1, 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 July 11.

Updates on Board Business; Sue Thomas reported that a bill for removal of the two ash trees has not yet been received. All other bills have been paid.

Updates on Building Work; Trustees noted that work on the walkway project is underway! The Trustees discussed the additional work quoted by Lawnboy Landscaping to create a garden area and to plant a crabapple tree. It was unanimously voted to accept the contract for this additional work. Eric Stauffer will write a check for the 50% deposit for the landscape work, and Sue will get the signed contract and the check to John at Lawnboy Landscaping.

Sue also reported that Chuck Wood at Colonial Lighting has offered to donate the exterior light fixture, along with a plaque to honor the Fisher family. The Trustees all agreed this is a very generous offer. It was unanimously voted to accept the donation and the plaque as worded, and we are all very appreciative of the gift.

History Image Project: Eric Stauffer reported that he has been unable to join the Hillsborough Historical Society, as he is having an issue with the website. Eric will contact the Historical Society to resolve the website issue. With membership we will be able to access historical photographs of Deering, and documents that may be appropriate for display in the schoolhouse library. Eric will provide an update at the next meeting.

Brick Project Updates; Betsy Holmes provided a draft of a 'Buyer Acknowledgement' letter to be sent to all donors who purchased a brick or bricks. The Trustees will review the draft letter and discuss any changes at the next meeting. Sue reported that PaveLok in Bow has not yet completed engraving of the pavers.

Establish Plan for an Open House; The Trustees discussed holding the library open house to coincide with Town Safety Day on October 1st. Betsy will check with the Town to coordinate an event, and make sure there will be space for parking if the two events are held simultaneously.

Speaker Program; The event on New Hampshire's One Room Rural Schools is all set for Friday August 5th. Betsy will introduce the speaker and provide refreshments. The Trustees will meet at 6:15 to set up chairs and a refreshment table. Betsy will check with Jeanne at the Church to see what the speaker may require for equipment.

Other Business; The Trustees have another work party scheduled for Wednesday August 11th at 1 pm to continue to organize and clean the library building.

Betsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday September 12 at 7:00 pm, at the schoolhouse library.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas