

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

Minutes of March 9, 2023

**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 February 6.

**Updates on Board Business;** Betsy Holmes reported that the second half of the Moose Plate Grant money has been received from the Town in check form, and she will deposit the check into the library checking account this week. There are no library bills outstanding at this time.

**Programs:** Betsy reported that the Cemetery Trustees have expressed that they are willing to partner with the library for a presentation on New Hampshire Cemeteries and Gravestones. This program has been scheduled for Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Betsy has also obtained a grant from Humanities To Go to cover the cost of this program, so only the speakers mileage costs will need to be paid. The Trustees are still looking for one more program to be presented sometime in August, which Betsy will look into.

**Town Budget Meeting;** The Trustees attended the Budget Review Meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> and requested that \$500 for furniture, which was removed from our proposed budget, be reinstated. It was noted that the Annual Report shows that the budget has now been revised to include this amount, intended for furniture for the Schoolhouse Library.

**Grant Proposal for 2023;** Betsy reported that the State has now posted the preliminary application for the Moose Plate Grant. She has requested a detailed project description for the walkway handrails, including quotes, which Sue Thomas will provide. Betsy will complete and submit the grant application before the next library meeting.

**Planning for Volunteer Meeting;** The Trustees discussed plans for the library volunteer meeting scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There have been 7 volunteers who have indicated that they will attend the meeting, and 3 more who would like to volunteer, but are unable to attend. Betsy will put a posting on Facebook to try to gather more volunteers. The Trustees discussed the agenda and the need for a calendar so that volunteers can sign up for library hours. Sue Thomas will put the program and sign-up sheet together. An orientation for the volunteers was additionally scheduled for Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Schoolhouse building at 6:30 pm. The Trustees also scheduled Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am as a work day for cleaning the Schoolhouse Library and moving books back from the Town Hall conference room to the schoolhouse building.

**Other discussion;** It was noted that the library department report was omitted from the 2022 Deering Annual Report. All Trustees expressed disappointment. Betsy will follow up with the Town Administrator for an explanation and possible remediation.

Also, Sue recommended two upholstered chairs for the library, currently available at The Consignment Corner. The Trustees were in favor, so she will pursue purchase.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Thomas