

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

Minutes of April 4, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holmes at 7:03 pm

Minutes: Unanimous vote to accept the minutes of March 7, 2022

Library Board Positions; Betsy moved that all current positions continue for the coming year, which was unanimously approved. Betsy Holmes will continue as Chairman, Eric Stauffer as Treasurer, and Sue Thomas as Secretary.

Open Bids for Schoolhouse Grant Project; Two sealed bids for the library walkway project were opened by Betsy Holmes. The bids were from Green Thumb Landscaping in Goffstown and Lawnboy Landscaping in Hillsborough. Both bids exceeded the total grant awarded by the State Moose Plate Fund, as was expected. There was a discussion regarding the library's funding sources and the best way to pay for the additional amount. Betsy will ask Julius for guidance before a vote is taken to accept either bid. Sue Thomas will contact the company that inscribes pavers for information on fundraising for the walkway.

Update on Board Business –

Bills; The final payment of \$2000.00 for the new library roof was approved and signed by Betsy, and passed on to Julius for processing. Sue Thomas reported that she attended the Trustees of the Trusts meeting where use of money from the Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund was approved for the new roof.

Removal of Trees; Sue and Betsy reported attending the BOS meeting on March 17th and asking the Town to take responsibility for removal of the two ash trees by the schoolhouse building. The BOS determined that there is no budget for tree removal, and suggested that we call Eversource. Betsy reported that Eversource is not taking down trees currently except in emergency situations. The Library Trustees voted unanimously to have Barry LaValley remove and stump the trees for \$500, and to take the money from the Library Building Expendable Trust Fund.

NHLTA Annual Meeting; Betsy stated that the deadline to register is April 22, with the meeting on May 10, and she encourages attendance. There will also be some webinars offered that may be helpful.

Planning Timeline for 2022; In April the Trustees plan to have the chimney bricks removed and the schoolhouse ceiling repaired. The search continues for a contractor to do this project. Betsy will post a notice on the Town webpage. The Trustees scheduled a workday at the library building on Friday April 22nd at 1pm to sort through books. All Trustees will research donation sites for unwanted books.

Potential Programing; The Deering Church has asked if the library would like to partner on any programs this year from Humanities to Go. The Trustees were in favor, but would prefer holding programs at the Town Hall. Sue will reply to Jeanne Bartlett at the church to determine their ideas on programing.

Other Discussion; Betsy found an old copy of Library By-laws that are in need of updating. Eric will look for an electronic copy or retype the By-laws so we can edit. We will discuss them again at our next meeting.

Betsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas