

Deering Library Board of Trustees
762 Deering Center Road
Deering, New Hampshire 03244

Minutes of 06 Aug 2018

Trustees present: Chair Cynthia Krill, Gary Samuels, Betsy Holmes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by chair Krill

Old Business:

Little Library. Trustees Holmes and Samuels met Deering BOS on 18 July to show them the new Little Library and to get BOS permission to place the little library on town hall grounds. In addition, permission was sought to enlist the aid of town road agent in physically positioning the box. Members of BOS were suitably impressed with the library box. They suggested where to put it and proposed providing a picnic table. They agreed to involvement of town road agent in placing the box.

Town administrator McAlister made suggestions for wasp-proofing and weather-proofing the box.

Betsy will arrange with Littlefreelibrary.com to register our little library and to obtain a plaque. The wording on the plaque was discussed. A decision was reached that the plaque should include the following information: "Deering Public Library, established by Deering Residents in 1797" In addition Deering resident Dennis Sawyer's efforts in constructing the box will be noted.

Story Hour. Story hour has been presented on three successive Tuesday mornings. Nobody attended any of the sessions. The trustees decided to discontinue the story hour for the year and to revisit it next year.

Book Group. The next discussion will take place on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30 pm in the Deering community church. We will continue our exploration of disaffection of the paradox that some members of society reject government assistance that would help them to overcome adverse economic, health and ecological situations in which they live by reading *Strangers in their Own Land* by sociologist Arlie Russell Hochschild.

Comment was made to a trustee that some might not participate in the discussion because it is held in the church. The trustees agree that it would be better for the Deering Library to be able to hold the book discussion in the Deering Library space, but that space is not nearly as comfortable as the space in the church. Moreover, the discussion group does attract a reasonable number of participants.

New Business:

Deering Community Church Summer Faire. The Deering Library will present the new little library to the town as part of the fair. There will be books in the box for free distribution. Trustees Holmes and Samuels will attend the display and answer questions about membership and use of Deering library, and free access for Deering residents to libraries in neighboring towns Antrim and Bennington. Betsy will endeavor to make a book mark to be placed in free books; this will provide basic information about Deering library.

The Schoolhouse library will be open for visitors during the hours of the church fair. A trustee will be in attendance in the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 4 ad 6:00 pm in town hall.

Respectfully submitted

Gary J. Samuels

Secretary

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