

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

**Minutes of 07 Feb 2017**

**Trustees present:** Chairman Gary Samuels, Cynthia Krill

Chairman Samuels called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

The entire meeting was consumed with a discussion of the role of the library in Deering. In recent years the library trustees have taken the responsibility for organizing entertainment for Children, and the town, including a Holiday Party at the end of the year, and a Halloween party. The trustees concluded that this activity did not contribute to literacy and would be better performed by a dedicated committee that would be established by the town. The trustees discussed activities that would contribute to literacy. This includes placing 'little' libraries around town. Each 'little library' would contain books for people to take and return or not. The books would be taken from the shelves of the library. The libraries would be placed in the entry to town hall, each of the fire stations, and possibly at Oxbow Campground. The trustees discussed the possibility of opening the library at times that would be convenient to residents, rather than restrict opening times to town hall business hours. They also discussed the need for a 'community computer.' The computer that was purchased for the library no longer functions.

The trustees will present their ideas to the select board at an early date.

Samuels reconfirmed his intention not to continue as a trustee when his term expires with the March election.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm by Chairman Samuels

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Samuels, Secretary/Chair