

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

Minutes of 2 March 2020

Trustees present: Chair Betsy Holmes, Gary Samuels, Susan Thomas

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holmes at 6:00 pm

Minutes: Minutes of 13 January meeting and 3 February meeting were accepted.

Library old business: For use of the new library laptop; Betsy is awaiting a reply from Diane Kendall on access to WIFI at the town hall. It was mentioned that access should be available as a guest after 5 pm. Betsy Holmes will follow up with Diane.

Gary Samuels indicated how to obtain the key to access the library file cabinet at the town hall.

Library laptop – Policy for its use and maintenance.

It was discussed that use of the laptop should be limited to library related business by library trustees. It was further recommended that the laptop be used onsite at the Town Hall. Betsy Holmes offered to draft a policy on use of the library laptop. A discussion of specific laptop projects was tabled until the next meeting.

Programming for 2020 – Updates and marketing for June event.

History of Abenaki Indians will be presented at the Town Hall **Sunday June 7 at 3 pm.** Newspaper advertising recommendations were made, such as the Stonebridge Post, Concord Monitor, and the Messenger. Other ideas included posters, flyers to local libraries, and inclusion in the Deering Church program. Betsy mentioned that Humanities to Go will also advertise the program.

There was a discussion regarding three possible nature presentations available for a town program. The merits and cost of each program was discussed, and it was decided that this year the library could sponsor one program on wildlife. Sue Thomas will contact the Community Outreach Wildlife Encounter Center to schedule a program for April school vacation, if possible. This will be a hands-on animal program directed toward kids and families.

Possible music programs were also discussed. Gary Samuels recommended either a banjo program or a guitar program. Either program would be in the town hall as the musicians have indicated they could not play in the gazebo. Gary will check with Diane Kendall on scheduled dates for the summer gazebo concerts, so that the library music program can be scheduled on an alternate day.

Ideas for Schoolhouse Library / Moose plate grant.

Betsy stated that the grant application for Moose plate funding is due in May. It was agreed that we are not prepared to complete an application this year. The trustees will evaluate all building projects for the library when a walk through occurs this summer. Any application for Moose plate funding will be submitted next May. Additionally, the idea of purchasing a plaque indicating State historic registry status was discussed. The library is the first building in Deering to be granted historic registry status.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas
Library Trustee