

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

Minutes of February 1, 2021

Trustees present: Chair Betsy Holmes, Gary Samuels, Susan Thomas (entered the meeting at 6:15)
Also present: Eric Stauffer

The meeting was held remotely

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

Minutes: Unanimous vote to accept the minutes of January 04.

Town reporting: The 2020 annual report of the library trustees has been submitted. There are no outstanding reimbursement claims from 2020.

Schoolhouse Library Update: Queen City Roofing will replace the roof of the library, and remove the chimney, charging only for materials. One day is anticipated for the work. Gary will ask Daren Labiere whether he will do the recommended work on shoring up the roof. A heating contractor has been contacted to give a quote for an LPG stove for the building. A pathway from the Town Hall to the library was discussed. Samuels suggested that Deering residents would volunteer to help with construction. Holmes suggested selling pavers in order to raise funds for the walkway. There followed a discussion of future development of the schoolhouse. It was proposed to operate a limited library function in the schoolhouse, making current books available to borrow. Proposals were also made to present the building as a museum, featuring aspects of its life as a schoolhouse and as a library. Tom Coppadis will be consulted about items to be displayed. Deering residents may be asked to donate items of historical interest. There was a discussion of display cases and a discussion of obtaining a Moose plate grant to pay for renovation of the building.

Membership of the Board of Trustees Samuels agreed to remain as a trustee until after the town election, in March. Eric Stauffer has indicated an interest in becoming a trustee.

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Betsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm
The next meeting will be on March 1 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Samuels / Susan Thomas