

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

Minutes of February 6, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holmes at 7:00 pm

Minutes: Unanimous vote to accept the minutes of January 9.

Updates on Board Business; Betsy Holmes reported that we have not yet received the second half of the Moose Plate Grant money in our library checking account. She has emailed the Administrator and Assistant to see if a check was deposited into the Town general fund. Betsy will follow up with her State contact if the payment has not yet been received.

There are no library bills outstanding at this time.

Programs: Sue Thomas reported that a Junior Zookeeper program has been scheduled with Wildlife Encounters Ecology and Wellness Center, for presentation at the town hall on Saturday June 24th. The trustees unanimously approved the cost of \$350 for the program, plus an additional cost of \$96.75 for mileage. The trustees will attempt to partner with another town group to assist with the program costs. Betsy will check on scheduling the Abenaki Indian program on an evening in May. She will also contact the Cemetery Committee about partnering with the library for a presentation on New Hampshire cemeteries, planned for the Fall.

Town Budget Meeting; The Trustees are planning to attend the scheduled Budget Review Meeting on Thursday February 9th at 7 pm.

Grant Proposal for 2023; Betsy reported that the State will post the application for the 2023 Moose Plate Grant on February 28, so we will discuss the application requirements at our next meeting.

Plan to recruit volunteers for open library hours; The Trustees discussed plans to set up a meeting with residents who have indicated an interest in volunteering to help with library projects. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday March 23rd at the town hall. Sue will create an email to all potential volunteers to determine interest and to request attendance. The Trustees discussed the need to have volunteers in order to have scheduled open library hours at the Schoolhouse Library. Expectation is for open hours to start mid-May, and to extend into October. Other volunteer opportunities will also be discussed at the meeting.

Other discussion; Eric Stauffer will contact Antrim Library to obtain a bill for media usage by Deering residents. Last year the library paid Antrim Library \$75, as free usage of their library collection is available to Deering residents routinely. Eric will also inquire about the use of Antrim's museum passes by Deering residents.

Sue will swap books at the Little Free Libraries in the month of February.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 9 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas