

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

Minutes of September 18, 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 August 22, 2023

Library Exterior Painting Report; Exterior painting was completed by CertaPro Painters, and they have been paid from the library checking account. We are still waiting for confirmation that the approved trust money was transferred to the checking account. Betsy Holmes will ask Meagen to access the bank statement to determine if the \$3200.00 transfer has been received. Eric Stauffer reported that the west side shutters need new screws and hook and eyes to keep the shutters open, and he will obtain what is necessary.

Updates on Board Business; There are no outstanding bills at this time. Programming reservations are set, with a grant check expected from the NH Humanities Council for the October 6 program.

Budget Review, planning for 2024; The library budget for 2024 will be discussed in detail at the next Trustees meeting, on October 2nd. Betsy will request an updated budget report for 2023 from Meagen, to aid in the budget discussion. The Trustees discussed requesting a warrant article to replenish the Library Building Maintenance Trust. Sue Thomas will look into requesting a warrant article to transfer the money currently in the Library Expendable Trust to the Library Maintenance Expendable Trust.

Review tasks needed for October 6 program on NH Cemeteries and Gravestones; Betsy presented a poster she created to advertise the program. She is also posting the event on all social media and in The Messenger. Sue has advertised in "Weare in the World", The Senior News, and with the Church. Cemetery Trustees have offered to help with room set up and snacks. Betsy will purchase drinks and snacks for the event.

Other discussion; Sue reported that she has ordered books from the Childrens Literacy Foundation, which has provided a \$400 grant to Deering Library. Betsy reported that there has been no news yet regarding the Moose Plate Grant application, but we should receive a decision in October. Trustees also discussed events for the final Saturday that the schoolhouse library building will be open, which is October 7th. A book sale was discussed to purge some older books from the library collection. Sue will email the volunteers to get help with the book sale. Also scheduled was a work day for Saturday October 21st to move books back to the Town Hall conference room for the season.

Betsy will fill the Little Free Libraries this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2, at 7 pm in the library building.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas