

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

Minutes of October 2, 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 September 18, 2023

Updates on Board Business; Betsy Holmes reported that the trust money has not yet been transferred into the library checking account for the exterior painting. Sue Thomas will follow up with the Trustees of the Trust. There are no outstanding bills at this time. Betsy has prepared a check to pay Glenn Knoblock for his presentation on October 6th.

Discussion of prep for October 7 Open House; Sue reported that the books for the book sale have been identified and boxed for the sale. It was agreed that books will be sold at \$1.00 per bag. Also, several volunteers have offered to either assist with set up for the sale or to bake. Sue will additionally pick up cider and other food items for the book sale.

October 21st was confirmed as a work day for the library to move the current collection of library books to the Town Hall conference room for the winter. Sue will send an email to library volunteers to request assistance. Work will start at 9am at the library. This day will also be a “volunteer appreciation” day with planned gifts for the volunteers and a group photo in front of the library. The trustees unanimously approved spending approximately \$450 from the library checking account for the gifts purchased from Premier Printing.

Review tasks needed for October 6 program on NH Cemeteries and Gravestones; Betsy arranged with the Cemetery Trustees to help with room set up and snacks. We will meet at the Town Hall on Friday by 6:15 pm to prepare the room. Betsy will purchase drinks and additional snacks for the event.

Budget Review, planning for 2024; The library budget for 2024 was discussed in detail, based on the 2023 budget. Betsy has not yet received an updated budget report for 2023, so she will follow up with Meagen. Sue reported that a request for a warrant article to transfer the money currently in the Library Expendable Trust to the Library Maintenance Expendable Trust can be made. This issue will be discussed at the Budget Advisory Committee meeting; however, no date has been set yet for that meeting.

Other discussion; Sue reported a request from the Church to partner with the library on a history event for the Town’s 250th celebration next year. The Trustees were receptive, and Eric Stauffer will follow up on details.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, at 7 pm in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas