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

Minutes of May 9, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holmes at 7:05 pm

Minutes: Unanimous vote to accept the minutes of April 22.

Updates on Board Business; Betsy Holmes stated that she will submit the bill for all three Trustees to continue membership in the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association. This will be paid from the operating budget.

Updates on Building Work; Betsy Holmes and Sue Thomas reported attending the Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting on April 26. At this meeting the Trustees of the Trust Funds approved payment for both the ceiling repair to the schoolhouse library building, and the removal of two ash trees next to the schoolhouse building. The money will be taken from the Library Building Expendable Trust Fund. Sue reported that the ceiling repair project has already begun, with removal of the remaining chimney completed on May 2nd. The ash trees are expected to be removed by LaValley Northern Services by mid-June.

Sue Thomas also reported that Colonial Lighting has opened their new shop and she has an appointment to meet with them on Thursday May 19th at 11am. Colonial Lighting will be supplying an outside light fixture for the schoolhouse building. Betsy will attend the appointment with Sue to look at lighting options.

Brick Sale Fundraising; The Trustees reviewed the orders received for engraved bricks for the walkway fundraiser. 19 bricks have been ordered so far. Betsy will deposit the checks into the library checking account at TD Bank. Sue will enter the order information into the Excel spreadsheet for PavLok. The Trustees also discussed ideas for donations other than bricks, as that has been a question from residents.

Review Changes to the Library Bylaws; Eric Stauffer provided the Trustees with a draft of bylaws to be reviewed and discussed. The Trustees edited the draft and suggested some simplification and changes. Eric will make the agreed upon changes to the document and provide updated bylaws for the June Trustees meeting.

Planning for Programming with Deering Community Church; Betsy has confirmed the availability of the Town Hall for August 5th, the expected date of the talk on "One Room Schoolhouses in New Hampshire". The Church is booking the speaker, and we have offered to do refreshments. We will await confirmation from the church on date and time.

Betsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday June 6 at 7:00 pm, at the schoolhouse library.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Thomas