

***Deering Library Board of Trustees  
762 Deering Center Road  
Deering, New Hampshire 03244***

**Minutes of 7 Jan 2019**

**The** meeting was held at the home of Gary Samuels

**Trustees present:** Chair Cynthia Krill, Gary Samuels, Betsy Holmes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by chair Krill

**New Business:**

Annual report for 2018. Samuels presented a draft of an annual report, to be presented at town meeting. The trustees refined the report, especially as regards difficulty of access to the Deering Library, and lack of services. The amended report was submitted.

Results of meeting with budget advisory committee. Library trustees Holmes and Samuels presented a 2019 budget request to the Deering Budget Advisory Committee. This budget request included a warrant article requesting the town set aside \$1000 in an expendable trust fund to be used for the development of a library/town community center. BAC supported the concept but strongly recommended that Trustees present a more focused proposal if they want Deering residents to buy in. Trustees withdrew the proposal and indicated that they would undertake further research to determine the feasibility of such a facility and present a proposal at the 2020 town meeting.

Discussion at this meeting focused on strategies for developing a proposal. These included determining communities within Deering that would support such a facility (eg GHSS, AA, homeschool parents, etc), and visiting libraries in towns of a size similar to Deering that have developed, or that are in the process of developing similar plans with similar resources. Several New Hampshire towns have been identified and trustees will develop a set of questions to pose to the library directors in those towns concerning how they obtained community support and funds for their respective projects.

The process of building a library/community center will be long. Trustees Krill and Holmes argued that if a new fire/safety facility is constructed, the Donovan fire station will be vacant and could serve as temporary quarters for a library/community center. Samuels argued that 'temporary' often becomes permanent, and that the best place for a library/community center is in the center of town, adjacent to town hall in land that will be vacated when the town garage moves to Hedgehog Mt Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 4.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Samuels

Secretary