

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

Minutes of 8 June 2020

Trustees present via Zoom: Chair Betsy Holmes, Gary Samuels, Susan Thomas, Alternate Cynthia Krill

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holmes at 6:00 pm

Minutes: Minutes of 2 March meeting were accepted.

Library activities during the pandemic: Gary Samuels reported use of the library delivery service by 2 people as of today. Since the Town Hall has not been reopened, it was decided that we will wait until the July meeting to determine if delivery service will be continued. There is no specific due date for the return of library books that are currently checked out.

Little Free Library Update: Betsy Holmes reported that she has emptied and refilled the Little Free Library 5 times. Comic books are a big hit. Also, it was noted that someone has put books into the LFL. We discussed accepting book donations during the pandemic. Betsy will post an announcement of hours for donations to be left on the porch of the School House Library. She will request that books be left in a plastic bag with a note stating the date the books were dropped off. Betsy will collect the donated books. The second LFL, slated for the beach area at the lake, will be ready in a few days to be installed. Gary will arrange for the box to be erected after Thursday June 11.

Programming for 2020 – Update on speakers: All programs and speakers are currently on hold. Betsy reported that she was contacted by the Humanities Council about the June 7 program. We will need to reapply for the program through the Humanities Council once we are able to reschedule. Also discussed was the possibility of a Zoom program. There was a discussion regarding the use of the gazebo for an outdoor event. It was mentioned that no public gatherings are allowed until June 28th. It was considered that a community music gathering with a picnic might be allowed in July. Local musicians could perform, and attendees would bring their own food and drink. More will be discussed at the next meeting.

Activating and using Past Perfect: Software training is required before data can be entered into the library laptop. Cynthia Krill will check to determine the specific instruction available. Betsy Holmes, Cynthia Krill, and Sue Thomas can be trained now, and Carol Baker will be included if she has time. The plan is to enter library and historical documents.

School House Library Update: There was continued discussion on use of the historic schoolhouse building. The idea is to open the building part time from April to October as a library, using volunteer staff. Gary said he would not have a problem bringing the current books from the Town Hall to the School House. Also, the School House could be staged as an historic one-room School House, and we could petition the community to donate historical items. Additionally, space for small group meetings would be included in the plan. The building would need to be made accessible, so it was discussed that a path should be created from the town hall parking lot to a ramp on the side of the School House porch. There would be lighting required, as well as heat, shelving, and a table. The Trustees will schedule a walk-through in the fall to write up a proposal. We will also further discuss use of grant money for these improvements.

Election of Officers: Approval was voted for the following officers;
Betsy Holmes Chairperson
Gary Samuels Treasurer
Sue Thomas Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 6 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas