

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

Minutes of November 9, 2020

Trustees present: Chair Betsy Holmes, Gary Samuels, Susan Thomas

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holmes at 5:30 pm

Minutes: Unanimous vote to accept the minutes of October 5

Budget for 2021: Gary Samuels reported that he has sent the budget request for 2021 to the Board of Selectmen. Based on Mike Borden's recommendations for shoring up the schoolhouse library's roof, Gary proposed that we add an additional \$1000 budget request to increase the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. This was unanimously approved by the board. Gary will send the addendum budget request to the BOS.

Schoolhouse Library Building Update: The Deering Building Inspector, Mike Borden, looked at the library building structure in October and made recommendations for repairs and improvements. Mike stated that the roof rafters have separated, and he suggested that supports be added. Once the new supports are in place, the shingles on the roof should be replaced. As a recommended heat source for the building, Mike said that a propane stove that vents directly outside would be a good option. He did not recommend use of the existing chimney. The new heat source will be part of the Moose Plate grant request that we will submit in the Spring. Mike also supported the idea of a pathway being constructed from the Town Hall parking lot to the library building. Betsy Holmes stated that a sidewalk from the Town Hall may already be on the Towns master plan, and she will look into it. A Warrant Article may be needed to approve the sidewalk, which would be requested for 2022.

Schoolhouse Library Sign: Betsy presented a proposal from Maineline Graphics for a new sign for the Library. The design for the sign and hanging bracket was favorably discussed as well as the size and the need for a post to be installed. Betsy will request to be put on the agenda for the next BOS meeting so she can present the plan and receive approval for the size and place of installation.

Past Perfect Training: Betsy and Sue Thomas will begin training on the Past Perfect software this month.

Other discussion: Betsy presented 2 design ideas for a logo for the library, submitted as an art project by students at the NE College Institute of Art and Design. The designs were discussed, and Betsy will provide feedback to the students.

Also discussed was a jigsaw puzzle exchange, and a possible trivia night, sponsored by the library. These programs are all on hold currently until public gatherings are safe.

Betsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Thomas