

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

Minutes of May 3, 2021

Trustees present: Chair Betsy Holmes, Eric Stauffer, and Susan Thomas
The meeting was held at the Schoolhouse Library Building

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holmes at 7:00 pm

Minutes: Unanimous vote to accept the minutes of April 5.

Elections to positions with the Board: The following positions were unanimously elected;
Betsy Holmes – Chairperson
Eric Stauffer – Treasurer
Sue Thomas – Secretary

Location of Library sign: The trustees marked an approximate location in front of the schoolhouse building for the new sign to be installed. Betsy will inquire on the availability of someone in town to erect the sign.

Discuss NH Library Trustees Association Annual meeting attendance: The virtual meeting is May 12 + 13. Eric will take the virtual library trustees training, and Betsy will send him the link.

Little Free Library schedule for the summer: It was agreed that the Little Free Libraries will again be filled every 2 weeks starting at the end of May. Sue Thomas will fill them at the beginning of May, then Betsy will fill just prior to Memorial Day weekend. Eric will rotate in later in the summer.

Schoolhouse Walkway Options: The trustees met with Mike Mullins from New England Property Preservation Services, for an estimate on installing a sidewalk from the Town Hall parking lot. The estimate ranged from \$9,000 to \$14,000, depending on options for stone and granite. The information will be used for grant application purposes at this time.

Schoolhouse Library / Grant Proposal Update: Betsy Holmes reported that she has another option for a grant, in addition to the Moose Plate Grant. There is possible grant money available from the NH Community Grants Program. Applications are due May 20, and up to \$10,000 can be requested. The Moose Plate Grant “Intent to Apply” Form is due on May 7th. It was agreed to request that the grant cover the addition of heating to the schoolhouse, approximately \$4000, and \$6,000 for part of the cost of the pathway. The remainder of the pathway cost will be requested on the Community Grant. There is also cost for the roofing, attic trusses, and to update the electrical, which will be paid from the library maintenance fund. Sue Thomas will follow up with Mike Borden for a contractor to add trusses to the attic, and will also contact an electrician for a quote. Betsy will submit the Moose Plate Grant “Intent to File” form by Friday, and we will meet via Zoom on May 11th at 7pm to fill out the Community Grant application.

**Betsy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm
The next meeting will be on June 7 at 7:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Thomas