

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

Minutes of 1 Oct 2018

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by chair Krill

Old Business:

Little Libraries. Dennis Sawyer and Gary Samuels placed the first of Deering's Little Free Libraries outside of town hall late in September. The box has been registered with LittleFreeLibrary.org. The box is being used, judging by the number of books that have been placed inside the box since its installation. Betsy Holmes made book marks that give information about Deering Library. A book mark will be placed in many of the books. Betsy proposed a smaller library to be placed at Deering lake, and provided plans. This box will be constructed over the winter.

New Business:

Monadnock Region Library Trustees meeting. Gary Samuels reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Monadnock area Library Trustees, which was held in Stoddard on 28 September. Ways to fund new library facilities and to engage public participation in funding efforts were discussed.

Library patron survey. During the Deering Church fair the Deering Library introduced the first Little Library. Individuals were asked to complete a survey in order for trustees to better serve Deering residents. Following are the questions and responses:

1. Did you know that Deering has a lending library in Town Hall with adult and children's books and other materials? Yes (20), no (6)
2. What resources are most important to you and your family (circle all that apply):
 - a) Children's books 7
 - b) Adult fiction 17
 - c) Adult non-fiction 12
 - d) Digital books 2
 - e) Audio books 4
 - f) Magazines 2
 - g) DVD's 5
3. What programming and services would you like to see offered at DPL? Circle all that apply
 - a) Story time with craft 5
 - b) Adult book discussion 7
 - c) Teen book discussion 1
 - d) Adult speakers on various topics 15
 - e) Children's programming 5
4. How likely will you or family members use our Little Free Library?
 - a) Very likely 11
 - b) Somewhat likely 9

c) Not likely 6

Budget. The library will meet Deering's Budget Advisory Committee on 19 November. The trustees discussed the 2019 budget in the context of activities for 2019. Among the items discussed that will require new or increased funding in 2019 include electricity dues to the NH Library Trustees Association for membership and attendance at the annual meeting, subscriptions to periodicals. An increased budget will be proposed for 'youth' programs, which also includes 'adult' programs, to allow for trustees to invite speakers and to once again sponsor 'Curious Creatures.' An additional 'little free library' will be constructed (see above).

Kindle reader. Current year's budget for books has enough funds to purchase one Kindle reader that will be available for general use. There was a discussion of how this device will be controlled but no firm conclusion was drawn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm (proposed Samuels, seconded Holmes)

The next meeting will be held on Mnday, November 5.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Samuels

Secretary