

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

Minutes of 05 Feb 2018

Trustees present: Chair Cynthia Krill, Gary Samuels

Also present: Betsy Holmes

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by chair Krill

Old Business:

Library display at town elections. Cynthia will make up a book cart with books and magazines to be placed in the entrance to town hall along with an explanatory poster. This cart will remain in place as the first of the proposed 'Little Libraries' that the Trustees have planned

Book discussion group: The third book discussion, *Wonder* by RJ Palacios, will take place tonight at 6:30 in the Deering Community Church.

New Business:

Betsy Holmes spoke about the Deering Library with the state librarian, Michael York. Specifically she enquired as to how Deering Library could gain access to State Library resources. Mr York clarified that we do not need to have computer facilities to allow us access to state resources. His suggestion was that Deering should explore the possibility of joining with a neighboring town library such as the James A Tuttle Library in Antrim. On its own, Deering will not be able to have the access to state resources.

Trustees and Ms Holmes discussed the need to develop a strategic plan for the Deering Library. This will include looking at libraries in other small towns, exploring the possibility of Deering paying another library to get access for Deering residents. The State Librarian cited examples of towns that pay other towns an annual subscription to cover access by their residents. He pointed out that other towns have library budgets greater than ours that allow for paying a subscription. The Trustees expressed a desire to have a library of some sort incorporated into a town community center and that Deering needs a community center. The trustees asked how to get children involved with a library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

The next meeting will be held on 2 April at 6:30 in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Samuels, Secretary