

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

Minutes of 3 June 2019

The meeting was held in Deering Town Hall

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

Old Business:

Book sale. The book sale will be held on 6 July, 8:00-noon at the schoolhouse library. Books will be culled from the shelves of the town hall library, most of the children's books will be made available for sale, as will be most of the books in the schoolhouse library. Charges were set at \$5.00 per plastic shopping bag or \$1.00 per hard back book. Solicitation for contributions of books will be made immediately through face book and email. Advertisements will be placed in local media and road signs.

Little Free Libraries

Trustees have been requested by town Administrator McAlister to locate a spot at the beach and then propose that to BOS. Construction on the new libraries will begin in the coming week.

Town records.

Samuels visited Tom Copadis and learned that various people in town are interested in being involved with preserving town records. He proposed that all interested meet to develop a plan. Holmes noted that the historical commission should expend all of its funds before it formally disbands; otherwise there will be problems with accounting for unspent funds. We need to know what records we have in order to search for grant opportunities.

Community Center/Library.

Betsy Holms attended an 'Advocacy Bootcamp' at the NH Library Trustees meeting and came away with a strategy for the trustees to follow in pursuing a new library /community center. Basically this strategy involves interacting personally with Deering residents: those considered to be 'influencers,' and other residents. Cynthia Krill proposed interacting with those who come to town hall at a particular time. The objective of the first interviews is to ascertain an idea of how the individual would like to see the town develop but, more specifically,, their feelings regarding developing a library/community center. A committee will review the results of the interviews and identify common trends and develop more concrete proposals. Later a public meeting will be held to discuss these proposals. Informal meetings will start in the fall.

The next meeting of the Community Center/Library group will be held on Wednesday, 12 June in the schoolhouse library. An individual who knows something about historic preservation will give some ideas about preserving the schoolhouse library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

The next meeting of trustees will be held on 1 July at 6:30 pm in town hall.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Samuels

Secretary