

Allenstown Public Library
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
59 Main Street
Allenstown, NH 03275

January 25th, 2022

The January 25th meeting of the Allenstown Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:09 pm by Chairman, Jeff Venegas.

Present: Kathleen Pelissier, Jeff Venegas, Joanne Dufort, Betsi Randlett

Absent: Mike McGeehan

Items:

- Reviewed Director's report
 - Betsi discussed the library being awarded a \$3,500 grant that will be used to purchase a new desk top computer, 2 laptops, and new software for all the computers. Walmart also increased the amount of grant money that they are awarding the library.
 - Attendance and library membership is on the path to recovering to pre pandemic levels.
 - The ALA and FINRA are donating financial literacy programs for adults and children to the library.
 - The state library association has recommended that libraries prepare and adopt a collection development policy. Betsi presented one for our review. We will vote on it at the next meeting. She also updated the materials donation policy. Joanne motioned to accept that policy. Kathleen seconded. All voted in favor.
- Betsi spoke about the recent painting quotes. It was decided that lead paint should not be a concern, as the library has been painted many times over the years. It was decided that Betsi should hire the most cost effective bidder for the job, to be completed in the spring.
- Betsi mentioned that the highway department did an excellent job replacing the bathroom sink and at a fraction of her previous cost estimates. She said that library staff and the public are extremely grateful.
- Betsi said that the batch of socks that were donated to the library were very well received. They flew out of the building.
- Jeff Venegas brought up the possible purchase of AES by the Town for conversion to Town offices and commercial rented office space. He asked us to think about the library changing locations if the space and financial considerations will be advantageous to the Library. Betsi stated she would not be opposed to moving to Town Halls current location if Town Hall were to relocate. Kathleen said that she would be open to exploring options but was currently in favor of the library remaining where it is due to the historical value and charm of the building. Jeff said it was just something to think about and that he didn't think any action would be taken unless it was a unanimous Trustee decision. A possible addition to the current Library was proposed by Joanne who stated that some of the research for that had already been done in prior years. Betsi mentioned that there are grants awarded for only such large projects.
- Betsi requested that we review the library pay scale and wage classifications. Kathleen volunteered to speak with Debbie Bender about attending the next library meeting for further discussion on that topic.
- Next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 15th at 5 pm. Jeff asked that anyone with any suggestions or ideas to be discussed reach out to him so that they can be added to the agenda before the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Pelissier