**Allenstown Public Library**

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**59 Main Street**

**Allenstown, NH 03275**

**March 15th, 2022**

The March 15th meeting of the Allenstown Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:04 pm by Chairman, Jeff Venegas.

**Present:** Kathleen Pelissier, Jeff Venegas, Amanda Seibel, Betsi Randlett

**Absent:** Joanne Dufort

**Items:**

* The newly elected Library Trustee, Amanda Seibel was sworn into office.
* Reviewed Director’s report
  + A sample of the library brochure that Betsi created was looked at. Jeff suggested adding a QR code. All agreed that the brochure was excellent.
  + Betsi showed us samples of the backpacks that were donated by the Pioneers to the Library. She plans to give one to each child participating in the summer reading program.
  + Betsi showed the Trustees copies of the financial literacy books that she obtained for the library.
* Jeff proposed the acceptance of the minutes from the Jan and Feb meetings. Kathleen 2nd.
* It was decided that the Library would purchase one state park pass to use for patrons per Mike Fracinella’s EDC email request.
* Kathleen informed the Trustees that the Historical Society was moving forward with plans to move into the Brady Sullivan development in the old mill buildings on Canal St so they would not be interested in taking over the Library’s current building if the Town Hall should move and then the Library should move to Town Hall’s current location. As everything is very exploratory at this point, it was stated that if the Library should maintain its current location, the Trustees would like Betsi to explore grants and some detailed descriptions of possible future expansion/ addition to the Library building. It was stated that the Library is on the protected historical registry of old buildings thus any renovations may be harder to do than the Board may anticipate.
* The new wage and pay scale for Library employees was signed and approved by the Board per the vote at the previous meeting.
* Jeff once again asked if Betsi was ok with a community garden being started in back of the library as long as she would hold no responsibility towards its maintenance. Betsi said she would be glad to see one there. Betsi also asked if we could start thinking about spring yard maintenance. Kathleen said that she would reach out to the Highway department.
* Additional hours for the library were discussed. Betsi stated that the patronage at the library is not large enough to necessitate more hours. It was stated that additional weekend hours had been tried in the past, and very few patrons took advantage. It was decided that the hours should remain as they are. It was also decided that Betsi may have a few times during the year, such as Summer Reading Program, where she may need to work 3-5 additional hours/wk on planning events and curriculum. She should reach out to the Library Treasurer when these times occur so that she can work the extra hours as needed.
* The roles of the Library Trustees for the next year were discussed and voted upon as: Jeff Venegas as Chairman. Kathleen Pelissier as Treasurer, Amanda Seibel as Secretary. Jeff made the motion. Mandy seconded and all agreed.

The next library meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th @ 5:00 PM at Allenstown Public Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Pelissier