**Allenstown Public Library**

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**59 Main Street**

**Allenstown, NH 03275**

**October 25th, 2022**

The August 10th meeting of the Allenstown Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:04 PM by Treasurer, Kathleen Pelissier.

**Present:** Kathleen Pelissier, JoAnne Dufort, Gwen

**Absent:** Jeff Venegas, Amanda Seibel, Betsi Randlett

**Items:**

* Review and discuss acceptance of meeting minutes for 9/27/22 meeting. Kathleen proposed delaying until next meeting since JoAnne was not present at the Sept 2022 meeting and that would make Kathleen the only one able to vote on the accuracy of the minutes. It was agreed.
* Reviewed Director’s report
  + Gwen said that the grant money in the amount of $500 awarded to the library by the Children’s Museum should be received soon and that they were still working on bringing toys back up to the children’s section of the library since Covid necessitated their removal.
  + CRTC had to reschedule, but Betsi should have samples for the Board by the next meeting in Nov 22.
  + Betsi is having trouble getting cost estimates for a new sign. Kathleen said she would do some research as well.
  + Betsi had emailed the Hill library about the baby dedications of books but it turns out it was the wrong Hill library. There is also a Hill library in Stratford. Gwen will let Betsi know that she contacted the wrong library so that she can reach out to the correct Town of Hill NH library.
  + Mike Vachon asked to remove the dead tree in front of the library. Kathleen suggested delaying any decision on this until more Board members were present at the next meeting. JoAnne agreed.
  + The book return drop box leak issue was shown to Kathleen. She said that she would talk to the Highway guys to see if they might be able to fix it.
  + Betsi’s prepared budget proposals were reviewed. Kathleen said she would meet with Sherry to address any issues and ask for any recommendations. She is also researching if the Library is receiving the same electricity delivery charge rate as the Town contract. Jeff had previously agreed that he will present the Library budget to the Budget Committee at the Nov 5th meeting.
* Capital Reserve concerns will be addressed with Jeff at the next meeting.
* Kathleen said that she has spoken with Sherry about the Amazon account issue to see if the Library might be able to get a card for this purpose. Sherry is researching it and will get back to Kathleen soon. JoAnne noticed that the Library checking account could possibly be linked to the Amazon account. This might be another solution to the problem.
* The next Library Trustee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th at 5PM at the Allenstown Library.
* The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm. Motioned by Kathleen and seconded by JoAnne.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Pelissier