

## **Daland Library Trustees Meeting Minutes February 16th, 2021**

Attendees: Bonnie Angulas Trustees: Cindy Raspiller, Jane King, Jill Weber  
Library Building Committee : John Quinlan

Meeting took place on zoom and was called to order at 7:35pm.

### **New Library Building Report**

John was pleased with the Planning Board meeting and added that while we don't technically require their approval, they are a valuable advisory panel. Bonnie added that Tim Berry expressed concern about the extension of the conduit to the cemetery. We all agreed that if it wasn't originally on the DSK plans, it will definitely be added. Bonnie suggested that the Cemetery Trustees should be more explicit about their electrical needs in concert with us all moving forward. John agreed they should be working on a plan for their part of the property. We are all part of one town project, which includes the cemetery, library and Carleton Pond.

Cindy noted that she had been sent the wrong checklist from the planning board secretary for our meeting with the Planning Board. She also noted that she sent everyone the drawings that we were to discuss, but was told they didn't get the attachments. John and Cindy agreed in the future materials should be sent directly to Bill with a follow-up email to make sure all was received.

John asked about our overall strategy. We discussed our presentation at Town Meeting, scheduled for June, to update the town about our new library progress with history of where we have been and how we are moving forward. The Warrant for the town road to the cemetery will also be presented. Do we also tell the town to expect a warrant in 2022 for the new library?

Cindy suggested that we will present that option with our fundraising successes and goals. She also added that at the very latest, it will have to be 2023 or risk losing the \$1,000,000 contribution from Sheri Conyers. Bonnie added that we really have half in hand right now with hopes for the future.

Cindy asked about a pending bill from DSK for \$3300 and if he had any thoughts. John agreed they had earned it.

John signed off and we began our Library Trustee meeting at 8pm.

### **Reports:**

There was no report from the **selectmen's representative** as she was not present.

### **Librarian's report:**

#### **Programs:**

February is love your library month!

Adult Craft Night was a big SUCCESS. A dozen people signed up and made Edible Birdhouses just in time for the "The Great Back Yard Bird Count" this weekend from Feb. 12-15th. Had great feedback.

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring an **NH Audubon program** titled "Backyard Bird Habitats". This will be on Zoom Feb. 17 at 6:30pm. 44 people have already responded. The cost was \$200 and the Friends of the Library paid for it.

Author Visit: Martin Gitlin is visiting by Zoom to discuss his book **“The Ultimate Red Sox Time Machine”** on Tuesday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. Hoping to see some baseball fans in town attend. I asked him to look into Doc Adams to add it to the discussion.

### **Children’s Programs**

JoAnn attended a virtual NH children’s librarian conference to plan for the summer reading program. The theme this year is “Tails and Tales” Heavy on animals and we will hope to have the full program back at the library outdoors. Looking to collaborate with Conservation Commission again to use the pond for Storywalks and possibly set up some hikes. JoAnn would like to do a book a week and reach out to Earle to possibly create the stand—a very ambitious idea!

We will also be reaching out to NH Fish and Game for offerings in addition to Peabody Mills Environmental Center.

The mental health of children was addressed at the conference and the importance of planning activities to create connection and opportunities for social engagement outside of school. JoAnn has added teen programming in over the next few months and we will hope to have a robust teen summer program. She has 9 boys who have signed up. And they just had fun.

February—*Cupcake Wars* following the book. Victorian baker on Main Street did all the cupcakes. Handed out boxes with the cupcakes and decorations. And then they met on Zoom.

March—terrariums

April—Peeporama Teen category / Terrariums

May—Online Games to play as a group

June-August—SRP Grant Opportunity

JoAnn applied for \$500 grant opportunity from the state to develop a teen-based program that address mental health/social interaction. JoAnn is writing it and hopes to do art therapy sessions and work with Artisans week to week. Gallery showing at the end. It does have to be related to “Tails and Tales” like the summer reading program.

### **Bonnie won the Rural Libraries and Social Wellbeing/ Southern Tier Library System/IMLS Tools in Action Micro-Grant**

The money is from IMLS and all about connections in your community. \$500 to the staff person who is trained and \$500 to do a program.

Bonnie’s participation will include webinar training, written exercises, interview, project approval, and a follow-up report. She would be looking to execute the project Summer or Fall.

Bonnie is applying for **ALA Grant—Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries**. She is storyboarding to pull her ideas together. This would include:

- \$3,000 to support costs related to their community engagement project
- Virtual Walking Tour of Historic Mont Vernon / virtual or real
- Connect with the Historic Society and the story of our old buildings. Example of Strawberry Bank
- Engage our elderly to lend their voices and highlight our library as well as our town buildings and houses

**Tiny Town Library Podcast** DELAYED. Trying to get Principal Sarfde as our special guest, but there has been a storm that past few Tuesdays. Bonnie would like to talk about reopening school and future collaborations.

**Staff:**

Amy Wyman is having some medical issues combined with some personal issues requiring some flexibility in staffing. Bonnie asked if we could hire a Teen Librarian Assistant, posting a notice in April for May start. We all agreed to revisit in April based on what is going on with COVID.

**Reopening:**

Bonnie asked about reopening. Cindy asked how staff was feeling. Bonnie said fine with things as they are now doing curbside. We agreed to revisit in March and stay with curbside for the time being.

**Friends:**

Monday Meeting 7:30pm

Bonnie asked if the Trustees would like to come and update them about the road Treasurers Report—Tim Allen made a new budget based on no fund raising so they are revisiting and Tim was told to present a regular budget. Jane and Cindy will represent the trustees. Bonnie promised fundraising and program support will be discussed.

Jane asked if Bonnie would send last year's Friends' budget with this year's for her to compare.

**Meeting Notes**

Jane made a motion to approve meeting notes as corrected. Cindy seconded the motion. We all voted to accept the meeting notes as written. Jane made a motion to approve January 19th meeting notes.

Moving on to the January 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting notes, Jane made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Cindy seconded the motion. We all voted to accept the January 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting notes meeting notes as written.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Karen is in the process of trying to reconcile a credit to the Staples line. She is waiting for the Staple commercial credit card statement for more information.

Cindy requested a vote on the DSK invoice for \$3300 for December work in support of the road RFP and prep for the Planning Board. Cindy will do further investigation to find the best source of funds. Jill made a motion to pay this invoice. Jane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Library Policy Review:**

Talking about a group that is making hostile visitations in the name of first amendments rights.

Other libraries are working on a policy so we will be revisiting this concern. And we will confer with Chief Furlong.

Jane looked last year to see what our balance was before we got our disbursement from the town. We have a cushion that will help get us through to a delayed town meeting. Jane is going back a few years to get a real figure.

Jill moved that we adjourn. Jane seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Jill Weber—Secretary*