

## **Daland Library Trustees Meeting Minutes May 18th, 2021**

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

Meeting took place under our new tent and was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Discussion opened with what our new mask policy should be now that everything is opening up. We agreed to keep masks for inside due to the vulnerability of the children, but lifted the 3 person limit. Outside masks are optional but definitely not required. We agreed to revisit this month to month. Jill made a motion to remove the 3-person limit. Jane seconded. We voted unanimously to approve.

### **Planning Board and Library Update**

Cindy reported that both the BOS and the Budget Committee support the warrant articles that we support— the Selectmen’s Warrant article for 13K for engineering fees for the cemetery road and 20K for the Library Capital Reserve to be matched 100% by the Daland Trust. Our final meeting with the Planning Board concluded that our plan was the best option.

### **Selectmen’s Report:**

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

### **Librarian’s report:**

Library opened to the public on April 20<sup>th</sup> for **Walk Through Service** with Limit of 3 capacity with mask required. We voted tonight to lift the capacity limit moving on to the next phase of reopening. The Staff is fully vaccinated.

The Friends of the Library and the Library Trustees approved the spending of donated funds on a new 20x30 white pole tent. Ryan and Daryl Pelletier of Brookline Auction Gallery and Tent Rental installed the tent in the library backyard on May 6th. Jay Wilson inspected it this week as required by Primex and passed set up with recommendations. We need to put a Tent Policy in place for the Use, Care, Storage, and Liability of the tent. As per last time, we agreed the Friends should gift the tent to Library Trustees so that we could assume all responsibility. Cindy will attend their next meeting to discuss.

**The Summer Reading Program** national theme this year is “Tails & Tales” and will kick off with registration on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm. The children of MVVS will visit the library for a preview on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. JoAnn is collaborating with the school librarian to help promote the 8 week outdoor program to help keep kids reading all summer. Reading scores are way down at the schools.

Registration begins June 5<sup>th</sup>. JoAnn expressed her appreciation for the tent.

JoAnn will be hosting a Teen Program for 5 weeks. Interesting to learn that Souhegan students do not have a summer reading requirement. Our library’s aim is to make reading as fun as possible.

We have a new hire at the library. High school junior Maddie McFee was hired as the new part time teen library assistant just in time for summer and is training. She will do Wednesday and Saturday and she has already jumped at the chance for extra hours.

JoAnn has already successfully hosted two sessions of Storytime under the tent with 40-50 participants. We are accepting reservations for in person/outdoor meetings. Lamson Farm Commission will meet on Thursday. The Friends of the Library will host their Annual Plant Sale this Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9-2

outside the library. This is their primary fundraiser of the year. Ben will post temporary No Parking signs on the south side of Grand Hill to prevent traffic issues.

### **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – NH \$2,300,000**

Planned distribution of Round One grant funds \$1287 to DML to be used on restricted items by Sept 2021. The grant is due June 18<sup>th</sup> and it is a complicated process.

There is a scheduled grant workshop next week and a one on one with state library rep for more information. Competitive grants come next. The funds cannot be spent on new library construction. Bonnie will attend all the workshops and tell us more after she attends.

### **Meeting Notes**

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

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Finally the lingering Harry Potter returns were accounted for.

### **Town Hall Renovation Committee Feedback Library Response**

We discussed the points we want to emphasize at Town meeting. We discussed the feedback request for the Town renovation plan and our response. We agreed that we would send a Library Trustee response as well as our own individual questions/concerns.

Some thoughts that we discussed.

- Share the Needs Assessment from 2018. Request information in new plan for space needs.
- Revisit the Phased plan from 2018 that began with new Library, Town Hall Renovation, upgraded Police quarters at McCollom using purchased Library building as swing space and future office space.
- Preservation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and make it flexible multifunction space.
- Inquire about plan for Historical Society Museum collection
- Fundraising plan for the Heritage Commission/ Seven to Save

And overriding concern about replacing a phased community plan already funded and accepted by the town with a new plan that has created division rather than being a continuation of what the town had begun and fully supported. All agreed Town Hall needs to be renovated.

Cindy moved that we adjourn. Jane seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm under the tent.

*Respectfully submitted by Jill Weber—Secretary*