

Olive G. Pettis Library  
Board of Trustees  
May 19, 2020  
*Draft*

*This meeting was held by remote access due to Executive Order 2020-04, Emergency Order#12, Section 3 regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and the limiting of groups to gather. All trustees are not yet comfortable with meeting live with social distancing measures.*

1. **Call to Order, approval of agenda**

- **Present:** Trisha Labossiere, Treasurer; Cyndi Phillips, Librarian; Eryc Courmac, trustee, Kim Caron, trustee (arrived 10 minutes late), and Bonnie Belden, Chair
- **Agenda:** Trisha asked that opening the library under Covid-19 restrictions be added to the agenda. This will be discussed under Librarian's Report.
- **Review of minutes of April 7/8:** Trisha moved and Eric seconded acceptance of the minutes, with one change. All in favor.
- **Election of officers:** The election of officers was done after Kim's arrival in the meeting. Eryc agreed to the position of secretary and the other officers agreed to remaining in their present positions. The following slate of officers was put forward: Trisha Labossiere, treasurer; Eryc Courmac, secretary; Janelle Dawson, Vice Chair; Bonnie Belden, Chair. Kim moved and Trisha seconded. Motion passed.

2. **Reports:**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Trisha reported that the current balance is \$13,268.12, as the town allocation checks have arrived from the first quarter of the year. Bonnie moved and Eryc seconded acceptance of the report. All in favor.
- **Librarian's Report:**
  - a) Ads for librarian have been running in the Kearsage Shopper, the Eagle Times Online (with Saturday hard copies), the Valley News, the online NHAIS List Serve, the OGP Library website, library Facebook page, and on the Goshen Community Watch.
  - b) Two applications have been received to date and there is interest from one other individual.
  - c) With regard to reopening the library, Cyndi informed us that there have not yet been any guidelines issued from the state. Although we'd like to reopen, we feel we should continue until there are guidelines and/or until the town Health Officer lifts the closing ordinance which closed our town buildings. We discussed that "by appointment" might be a good first step.
- **Goshen SAU Report:** Bonnie reported that there is now a Task Force at the state level that is studying how schools might operate in the fall with Covid-19 still in existence. Recommendations to school districts and the public will be made by June 30.

3. **Action Items**

- **Library Lot:** To clarify the lot boundaries, the trustees contacted the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds in an attempt to locate the original deeds. The original deed was found, from 1906, with the clarification that the land was given to the town for the purpose of building a library. Additional land was left to the town in 1993. Before more work is done in this planning of the community space, we will pause until we can have a conversation with the board of selectmen about next steps.

- **Historical Building Update:** Eryc has nearly finished the paper work for the application for the library to be designated as a historical building. Trisha moved and Kim seconded that the paperwork be mailed in once Eryc has completed it. Motion passed with all in favor.
- **Escape Room for Teens and ‘Tweens:** The Labossieres and the Beldens tried out the purchased game and feel that this would be a good activity to offer our youth once we are able to hold group meetings once again.

4. **New Business:**

- **Humanities Council:** Trisha announced that the Humanities Council is doing virtual programming and that there is a schedule for these offerings online at [nhhumanities.org/event-calendar](http://nhhumanities.org/event-calendar). There have also been mailings sent.

5. **Adjournment:** Eryc moved and Kim seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:40. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Belden, Chair

**Next Meeting: June 16 @ 6:00-8:00**