

Northumberland Public Library  
Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
Draft Minutes  
August 13, 2021  
“Open to the Public”

Donna Hamilton opened the meeting at 2:00 pm. Present were Nancy Merrow, Donna Hamilton, Mark Robinson, Gail Rossetto, Rae Davenport

Discussion and decision on Library Covid Policies:

At our last meeting, we had decided to allow fully vaccinated patrons to be in the library without a mask but to continue with social distancing. Since that time, the delta variant of Covid has become more prevalent and dangerous. Nancy discussed her apprehension of unintentionally bringing the virus home to relatives or friends that are already compromised with other health issues. After much discussion it was decided that as of August 17, 2021, the library will return to our policy of asking patrons, vaccinated and non vaccinated, to wear a mask and social distance while in the library. The employees will also wear masks.

Discussion on cost for future repairs to the outside stairs leading to the basement:

We received a proposal from John King for repairs to the outside stairs leading to the basement and to patch the walls. Total cost, materials and labor would be \$4400.00. It will take approximately 10 to 12 weeks to order the treads for the stairs. The cement of the steps is crumbling and it is a safety hazard. John King would like a 50% down payment and the rest on completion. This year we only have \$2500.00 in our building maintenance budget. It was decided to go ahead with the repairs and give John the down payment now and have him order the stair treads. We will increase our building maintenance budget next year. He will start and complete the repairs early spring of 2022.

Other Business to be brought before the board:

Gail discussed a new program from Baker and Taylor titled “Sustainable Shelves Program”. It will be fully discussed at our next regular meeting but it is a program to help libraries responsibly remove weeded and unwanted books from their shelves at no cost to the library.

*Non-Public Session (Pursuant to RSA's 91-A:3, II C)*

No non-public necessary

Nancy motioned to adjourn. Mark seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Next regular meeting will be September 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Rossetto