

Groton Free Public Library

1304 Scott Hwy

Groton VT 05046

June 3, 2020

The duly warned meeting of the Library Trustee's June 3rd, 2020 was held remotely via Zoom.

Attendance for the meeting:

Torie Peters, Alissa Smith, Jodi Fleurie-Wohlleb, Deborah Jurist, Wade Johnson Jr., Anne Hatch, Nancy Spencer, Janet Page

Meeting was called to start at 6:30 pm.

This meeting was held in order for Friends, librarian and trustees to have an open discussion about their roles regarding the library and plans for the future.

- Discussion started in regards to the letter that the trustees sent out inviting Friends to meet for an open discussion.
- Alissa started by introducing the idea of clearing off the porch in order to make room for a soft opening of the library. This would be a useful area for people to come get a summer reading kickoff packet. The Friends will help with this, making it a goal to have the porch cleared off by July 1st.
- After Jodi goes through the books on the porch they will be cleared by Anne and Nancy and brought to a second location for storage.
- Dialogue will continue on the use of the upstairs room for books in circulation.
- Wade will look into next steps for getting the elevator fixed in order to make sure the upstairs is fully accessible in the event that books in circulation are put up there.
- Storage is the main factor in planning for the book sale as well as keeping relevant books in circulation. Friends, librarian and trustees will continue to brainstorm solutions for storing book sale books elsewhere.
- Discussion started about the role of the friends group. Their role is summarized in three parts here and can be found in their mission statement in the attached notes. Their goal is to support the library in three major ways:

- By way of providing volunteers
- By way of fundraising
- By way of promoting the use and enjoyment of the library as well as to enrich the availability of cultural opportunities
- Jodi discussed her desire to formulate a plan for more volunteers to be active within the library that makes sense during the shut down as well as with the new key policy.
- Discussion was had on the role of the Friends as Friends vs. volunteers. Fundraising is important for the Friends and the library, especially considering there may be increased expenses in the future regarding the lease.
- Future decisions could depend on whether or not Fall Foliage Day will happen this year.
- Jodi's summer reading kickoff will take place July 6th

The next meeting will be held at the discretion of the trustees based on the availability of new information from the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Torie Peters, Library Secretary