

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2021 at 3:00 pm
Location: Etna Library

Present: Barbara Prince, Kathleen Chaimberg, Elizabeth Cornell, Liz Marshall, Jeff Metzler
The August Minutes were accepted.

Preparing to retire in the coming week, Barbara thanked all for a hearty send-off Open House and welcomed her successor as Head Librarian, Jeffrey Metzler.

Librarian's Report

August Circulation: Etna patrons borrowed 824 items. Etna's own collection circulated 761 items through Etna, Howe Library and inter-library loans. In late August the library opened during regular hours to a masked public without appointment. Take-out circulation requests remain popular.

Review of Programs: With a transition to the school year, there were fewer scheduled. Jen Manwell led ten children in a weaving program. Thirteen viewers attended a Zoom presentation on researching historic homes by Rauner Library's Morgan Swan. Seven joined a wildflower walk led by wetlands specialist Jim Kennedy, and seven knitters gathered for their in-person group.

Old Business

Library Services: Convenient circulation take-out service continues.

Little Free Libraries: A design to decorate the completed Costello Field library is under consideration. The second will be installed at the Etna General Store upon reopening.

Chair plaques: Plaques for the gift outdoor adirondack chairs are in place.

ARPA Grant and replacement of tent: One of the two tents purchased with funds from the grant was defective. The library received a refund to purchase a sturdy replacement to shelter outdoor programs in the coming years.

New Business

New Director Program: The NH State Library will air a Zoom on available social and educational resources.

Historic photos and oral histories: Barbara briefed Jeff and the trustees regarding the collection, archiving and media conversion for better patron access.

Historic Homes: The library will continue to archive photos and owner submissions relevant to the older homes of rural Hanover, begun during the Town's 250th celebration.

Photo of Jim Spencer: The portrait will be preserved and catalogued.

Veterans' Memorial: Research continues after a resident's quest to replicate a bygone wooden memorial at the library honoring those from Etna who served.

Upcoming Programs: A welcoming reception is planned for Jeffrey Metzler, Etna's new Head Librarian on October 16 outside the library.

Next meeting: October 26 – Tuesday – 3pm
Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Cornell, Secretary