

Keene Public Library
Building and Grounds Committee

Meeting held 8/11/2023 at 10:00 AM (Draft)

Members present: Susan Bloom, Paul Henkel, Scott Martin, and Justin Somma. Jay Fee joined us to inform us about QR codes for trees.

Minutes of our last meeting were approved.

Maintenance - A rooftop AC equipment for the main library building is functioning, but a key part needs replacement. The part is on order. In the Annex an AC problem affecting Cheshire TV area is being investigated and addressed. Sussan noted that staff appreciates that when a problem has occurred, Scott has speedily gotten the equipment up and running.

Brian Lloyd is working with a contractor to replace a few seriously weathered bricks on the Winter Street façade.

Landscaping – Jay Fee demonstrated how a QR code identification and information system has been implemented for trees at Ashuelot River Park (and Keene State College). It was designed by ArborScope and is provided through an arrangement with Bartlett Tree Experts. Andy Bohannon has contracted to have this service. Jay Fee will contact Andy and learn what would be required for the 20 to 25 Library trees to be included.

The ArborScope/Bartlett software allows the locations of trees to be placed on an aerial satellite google map. The map is from about 2016, prior to construction of the Putnam Atrium, but that is not considered a problem. Members of the public would still be able to walk the grounds and scan and identify the trees. Once data about a specific tree is brought up on a smart phone, the user can click on a provided master web link and see the other trees on the Library campus. Jay pointed out than an explanation can be provided on our Library's web site along with that master web link.

Prior to adjourning, Chair Paul Henkel informed the committee of the need to go into non-public session to receive information about a contract negotiation. Justin moved and Paul seconded to move into non-public session. Passed unanimously at 10:30 AM. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:40 AM. Justin moved and Paul second a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session – passed unanimously.

Paul Henkel, Chair

Schedule for next meetings: 10 AM September 15, and 10 AM October 13