

Keene Public Library
Building and Grounds Committee
Meeting held May 13, 2022 at 1:00 PM (DRAFT)

Members present: Paul Henkel, Carl Jacobs, Sally Rinehart, Marti Fiske and Scott Martin
Susan Bloom and Kathleen Packard are traveling to a library conference.

Minutes from our prior meeting were approved.

Piano – Sally Rinehart said the Friends are considering investing in a better piano than the one in Cohen Hall. Carl Jacobs agreed to work with Sally and other friends to introduce them to Bill Faller, a prominent piano technician. Sally also suggested that a keyboard might be considered for Heberton Hall.

Planters – The Friends wonder if replacement planters could be gifted to the Library. Planters would be appreciated. However, we need to answer the questions of who will plant them each spring and provide greens for them for the winter.

Lockers – Marti will be looking for support from Scott Martin and Andy Bohannon for installation of the lockers.

Safety – The Fire Department Inspector concurred that it is necessary to change one sign to a directional exit sign in the corridor west of Cohen Hall, so the egress path is clear. A number of other requirements were specified, and staff will work with Scott and Andy to comply with the requirements.

There is a low contrast variation in riser height in Cohen Hall where tripping could occur. Also there are low profile wooden guides along the floor at the entrances to the Putnam Atrium for which members of the public have mentioned to staff that they may be a tripping hazard. Sally Stevenson, employed by First In Sight (formerly NH Association for the Blind), is accustomed to helping low vision individuals improve their home environment and otherwise cope. Sally will meet with Marti Fiske and Susan Bloom next Wednesday to provide additional perspective about how these conditions could be improved.

Tree replacement - An apple tree near the SE corner of the library has prominent dead limbs. It needs replacement. The arborist Frank XXX has advised that Parks and Rec staff are free to trim it, but he would not advise that we invest in professional trimming. Paul Henkel will contact NH Extension Service to ask for a suggestion of a modest size tree.

AV Improvements - The Buildings and Grounds Committee last month voted to recommend purchase of an Allen and Heath QU-16C Digital Mixer for up to \$2400. The Allen and Heath QU-16C Digital Mixer accepts up to 16 mic inputs and programmable resets. The purchase for up to \$3000 was approved by the Board.

Paul Henkel, Chair