

## Keene Public Library

### Building and Grounds Committee

#### Meeting held 10/14/2022 at 10:00 AM (DRAFT)

Members present: Susan Bloom, Paul Henkel, Justin Somma and Library Director Marti Fiske

Minutes of our last meeting were approved.

**Landscaping** – The replacement pink flowering crabapple tree, to again be located near the SE corner of the library, is on order. It is a Robinson crabapple (*Malus Robinson*). The metal portion of the tree plaques are also on order; the chemical etching process takes 4-6 weeks.

**Safety** – Last month Scott Martin reported door and sign safety improvements required by the State of NH fire safety inspector cost the City about \$12,000. All parts are on order and due for October. The so-called crash exit door hardware was a major part of this expense. One improvement will be providing a directional exit sign in the corridor west of Cohen Hall, so the egress path is clear.

In addition, a complex and costly \$30K to \$40K intercom system for each of the “areas of refuge” is required by the state fire marshal. Funding for this may need to wait until the next City capital improvement plan.

There are low profile wooden guides along the floor at the entrances to the Putnam Atrium that may be a tripping hazard. **Update:** Staff has placed a black sign stand at one end and plans to get others. The black color was chosen on advice from a consultant that that would contrast with the white floor and be more apparent..

**Equipment for Heberton Hall and Cohen Hall** – Nik Morton had advised that improved ventilation and/or cooling is needed for the AV equipment. Andy Bohannon has arranged to have Hamblet Electric provide perspective.

**Status of equipment the Board voted to purchase.** Allen & Heath Qu-16C Rack mountable Digital Mixer (Chrome Edition) - \$2,400 – Ordered. This will replace the mixer on loan that needs to be returned. The 3x Wireless Microphone Combos(\$550) will be ordered when available.

**Lighting in Large Print Book and part of the Fiction area.** A patron complained lighting is inadequate to read book titles. Stacks have been added and moved after lighting was installed in 1999. Hamblet Electric will be asked to provide a quote on improved lighting.

Paul Henkel, Chair