

**Keene Public Library**

**Building and Grounds Committee**

**Meeting held 01/21/2025 at 3:00 PM**

Members present: Susan Bloom, Marti Fiske Paul Henkel, Scott Martin, Sally Rinehart and Justin Somma.

Minutes of our last meeting were approved.

**Chairs need replacement or reupholstering** – Susan is continuing to develop an option to reupholster or replace eight chairs in the Circulation Desk lobby.

**Acoustic Improvement of Cohen Hall –**

We discussed the Request for Proposal. It is nearly ready to be issued. Scott Martin suggested that we ask the consulting engineer for additional qualified candidate vendors. Adding additional candidate vendors to the notification list can result in us getting a larger number of responses.

Suggestions will be made to include a request of information about the aesthetics including colors of the ceiling and the corner treatment. The minimum noise reduction coefficient is specified. The resulting reduction in reverberation is a goal which our consulting engineer, Eric Reuter believes will be the result.

After the project has been completed, we may ask a skilled musician, such as a pianist, to provide us an opinion regarding how effective the improvement is.

**Price Room** – Susan Bloom has begun studying the contents and use of the Price Room. There are duplicate books and books unrelated to the history of Keene which could be considered for placement at another facility. Further, if we can slim down the bulk of materials, and potentially secure the materials with locking glass paned doors, we can make the room available for public use without compromising the security of important historical material.

Paul Henkel, Chair

Next Meetings: Thursday February 20 at 3:30 PM