

Keene Public Library
Building and Grounds Committee
Meeting held 09/10/2025 at 3:30 PM

Members present: Susan Bloom, Marti Fiske, Paul Henkel, Kathleen Packard and Sally Rinehart

There was some confusion about the date of the meeting that resulted in Scott Martin not attending.

Minutes of our last meeting were approved.

Landscaping

Replacement tree tags have been produced by the Makerspace technical specialist A and Jay Fee. They will be installed with assistance from Bud Winsor and Brian Lloyd.

Marti has arranged with Sara Mustin Stockwell for a dead shrub on Winter Street to be replaced.

Maintenance. The access mechanism for the door on Winter Street failed and was replaced.

Committee members. One or two additional Trustees will be invited to join the Committee.

Lighting

We want to be aware of standards of brightness which are generally considered appropriate for rooms with differing usage. For example an office generally requires higher brightness than a meeting room. We discussed relative cost to augment lighting in a room versus replacing the ceiling fixtures.

We voted to ask Marti to approach a local company to ask for their technical judgement and determine how we might get a quote on the light fixtures in the Green, Miller-Vincent, Thayer, and Wright Rooms to address the light quality.

We also voted to ask that a CIP item be initiated for lighting in the stacks.

Acoustic Improvement of Cohen Hall

After the meeting, members were invited to review the acoustic improvement in Cohen Hall. It was noted that the vendor tastefully framed the perimeter of the lights at no additional cost to the Library.

Proposed Next Meetings: 3:30 PM Wednesday October 15 and 3:30 PM Wednesday November 5

Paul Henkel, Chair