

Keene Public Library

Building and Grounds Committee

Meeting held 12/03/2025 at 3:30 PM

Members present: Susan Bloom, Don Caruso, Marti Fiske, Paul Henkel, Kathleen Packard, Sally Rinehart and Justin Somma. Assistant City Manager Andy Bohannon also attended.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Maintenance.

Exterior gas lines were twice shut off by a prankster. After consulting with the Fire Department to confirm that they can shut the lines off safely in an emergency, the exterior levers were removed.

Marti noted that snow removal has been effective throughout this storm, and she expressed appreciation to City staff who accomplished this. The Library was open Tuesday until 8 PM despite the difficult weather.

Lighting

The committee discussed lighting. Marti provided light-level measurements from the meeting rooms, offices, and stacks. Paul shared an article on lighting issues in library stacks. Andy suggested scheduling a meeting with Architect Michael Petrovick once an appropriate portion of his work has been completed. This meeting could take place during a regularly scheduled session or at another convenient time, depending on availability.

Committee members toured the Library with Marti and noted significant lighting deficiencies.

Next Meeting

3:30 PM Wednesday January 7.

Following meetings: February 11, March 11 and April 8.

Paul Henkel, Chair