**13 September 2023**

**Gorham Public Library**

**Trustee Meeting**

**6:30pm**

**at the**

**Gorham Public Library**

**Trustees present:** Melissa Laplante, Luke Strevig

**Others present:** Director, Shannon Buteau

The Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm

**Minutes:**

* Ratifying August minutes deferred to next meeting.

**Budget:**

* The budget was reviewed with no concerns, and is on-track
* Fall is to see more on-call budget use
* Last of Murphy funds have been transferred to NH PDIP

**Director’s Update:**

* Some Railroad street parking is becoming or possibly becoming permit based with discussion on how this might affect the Library.
* Railroad street paving also reported as still in-flux.
* New on-call personnel are noted as performing well.
* Summer reading program was seen as successful, reasonably well attended, without any major hickups.
* Technology grant use is still pending.

**2024 Budget Prep:**

* Reviewed last two years budget preparing for 2024 budgeting.
* Noted travel and conference budgets both need modest increases.
* Discussed Books/Materials costs in regards to understanding how much spending decreases in 2023 affected our ability to have new books and periodicals.
  + Noted downloadable books were included in this line-item.

**Misc.:**

* Upstairs storage use by Town of Gorham still pending.
* Upcoming events include a community read, indigenous peoples discussion, and an author reading.
* In November there will be a history of Gorham program in partnership with the Historical Society.
* Discussed need for new alternate, with the potential of having two alternates as opposed to the pervious one.

**Wrap up:**

* Next meeting Wednesday Oct 11, 6:30pm.
* Melissa called the meeting to an end at 7:09 PM.