Attending: C. Snitko (Chair), G. Bartlett, C. Cerroni, N. Cayford, D. Flynn, B. Goodwin, E. McIntyre (Director), B. Walker.

Regrets: J. Holmes, M. Smith (alternate), A. Davis (alternate).

Announcements: Celeste announced that we received a letter from DHS stating they would like to accept a gift from the Gowing Room cleanup of 2 items: a map of the Monadnock Region in 1944 and a sketch and floor plan from 1951 of the Dublin Women’s Community Club. All trustees agreed to give these 2 items to the DHS. N.Cayford stated that a top hat belonging to Herbert Bronson Shonk (on loan for the past centennial) was also found and will be returned to Lucy Shonk.

Minutes of August 14, 2019. Corrections of B. Goodwin absent at that meeting and the date of August 17th substituted for the 16th as a work cleanup day. Motion to accept minutes as corrected: C. Cerroni; seconded N. Cayford. So moved.

Gifts: a child’s book in memory of A. Silitch, 2 nonfiction butterfly books, 1 adult nonfiction, cookies, air conditioner. Motion to accept gifts by D. Flynn: seconded by C. Snitko. So moved. The anonymous gift of $500 in memory of A. Silitch will be used to initially buy 10 books on outdoor subjects for kids. More will be gradually added over time. A display of these books in his memory will be placed in the glass display case initially. An article will be placed in the Advocate.

Director’s Report: Betty thanked the trustees for their hard work cleaning out the Gowing Room and moving books down to the multipurpose room and back upstairs for carpet installation. Staff helped weed and pack books and reshelved them. 236 books were discarded. The lower level rooms all received a fresh coat of paint. Please note the wonderful flowers in the library gardens thanks to the loving care of Gail Bartlett. Staff has wonderful programs planned for both Story Time and Book Buddies. Book Buddies restarts Tuesday, October 1st.

Financial Report: B. Goodwin reported that we have 39.2% left in our town budget for the year; we are on schedule. We received a bill from Syd’s for $13,948. for carpet installation. Celeste will send it to the town for payment. Stebbins will start repair work September 12th on back wall.

New Business: Discussion of proper storage of 259 glass slides donated to the library by Elliott Allison. They are currently in 5 large boxes in the Gowing Room. They are rare slides taken mostly of Dublin between 1890-1910. 125 were acquired in 1979 and the remainder were given at a later time. The intention of the donation was for the slides to remain library property. At this time we would like to see them stored in the Dublin Historical Society to keep them in a climate controlled, fire proof and safe environment. The slide images would remain accessible to patrons of the DPL. Motion made by C. Snitko, seconded by B. Goodwin: The DPL would allow the Dublin Historical Society to store 259 glass negatives donated by Elliott Allison. These are the property of the DPL. The purpose of this action is to have them safely stored. Any use of the reproductions is to be credited to The DPL and the DPL should be notified. Vote: 5 yeah, 1 nay, 1 abstain. Motion carried.
DPL budget for 2020 discussed. Celeste, Bill and Betty have met and discussed the budget, using last year’s figure of $91,620. $5000 towards capital improvement program was added as we didn’t do this last year. COLA and Medicare expenses may increase the budget figure somewhat. No warrant article request at this time.

N. Cayford discussed a possible warrant article request for air conditioning next year. Nancy has researched this and presented justification and financial figures. A 36,00 BTU system would cool and dehumidify the new part of the building. Some of this would carry into the older part of the building. In addition to providing comfort for patrons and staff, this would help decrease the deterioration of the collection and the chance of insects and mold. The cost would be $7950 and would include wiring and labor. After discussion it was decided that the board would be in favor of the installation but would take the money out of our $100,000 investment fund and not ask the town for a warrant article. IF we use our own money then the process can be tabled until Spring and installed next year.

Old Business: ILS library computer software tabled for future meeting. Grab bar installation for upper entrance will be checked by N. Cayford.

Celeste will set up another appointment with Mike Borden, the building inspector to review the Gowing Room. A layer of crushed stone and concrete slab around the base of the room will probably be needed. The room also needs to be insulated but we don’t need to seal the stone walls. An air quality recheck of the room needs to be done when all the work is finished. Celeste will attend the next Selectmen’s meeting. The $4900 for mold remediation came out a special town building fund; Celeste will check if expenses for further repairs can be taken out of that budget also.

Open House September 21st from 4-6PM. Nancy sent invitations to town boards and groups. An announcement was also put in the Advocate and Monadnock Ledger. The Friends have agreed to provide refreshments. Nancy will be helping put paintings up in the meeting room Friday for the art exhibit. Betty will be in the upper library room so that people may view the carpet.

Bylaw revisions will be tabled until the winter.

Motion to adjourn: D. Flynn; seconded N. Cayford. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Next meeting October 9, 2019 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bartlett, Secretary