

New Durham Public Library Trustees' Meeting  
May 7, 2021  
New Durham Public Library  
Virtual Meeting

*Members present remotely:* Chair William Meyer, Patrice Mitchell, John Michaud.

*Others present remotely:* Cathy Allyn, Library Director, Sheryl Banfield, Shirley Cummings, Lisa Nicol, Linda Callaway from their homes.

*Call to Order:* Chairperson Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm. Members indicated where they were located: William Meyer alone at his home at 51 Main St.; Patrice Mitchell, alone at her home at 162 Merrymeeting Rd.; John Michaud alone at his home at 232 South Shore Rd.

*Pergola Presentation - Linda Callaway, Friends of the Library.*

Last summer, Director Allyn had expressed a need for a defined outside space that would be especially useful during the pandemic, and that would provide shade for the picnic table. She approached the Friends regarding the idea of building a pergola. Ms. Callaway stated that the materials are to be donated and, hopefully, the labor as well. She provided a picture of a pergola and named a few modifications that would be made. The location of the pergola would be away from the building and to the right of the septic system. It will be 12' x 14' and 8 feet high, sitting on the grass. There was some discussion of safety issues, upkeep and aesthetics.

Ms. Allyn will arrange for an appointment with the New Durham Board of Selectmen for their meeting on May 24, 2021

The Trustees will meet again to discuss the pergola.

*Adjournment:*

**Motion by Chair Meyer at 8:07 pm to adjourn; second by John Michaud. A roll call vote was taken. Meyer-aye; Michaud-aye; Mitchell-aye. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Patrice Mitchell*