

## **New Hampshire Library Association Sustainability Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 6, 2025 from 11am-12pm**

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Participants: Tess Kimsey, Chair, Manchester City Library; Mary Cronin, Cook Memorial Library (Tamworth); Jenny Devost, Merrimack Public Library; Brittany Durgin, Moultonborough Public Library; Nancy Ladd, Pillsbury Free Library (Warner)

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Tess called the meeting to order at 11:06am

Brittany is Secretary for this meeting.

December [meeting minutes](#) were approved.

#### **Old or unfinished business**

Sustainability chats: Brittany suggested we find librarians around the state who could speak about something sustainable they have implemented, such as the director in Wolfeboro speaking about the installation of solar. Nancy said NH Saves may be able to do a program, as they have agreed to speak at a conference. Also, Newbury offers DIY kits, and Jenny did a toy swap that was popular. Wednesdays at noon seemed to work well, however, we will be flexible with dates depending on who is speaking on a topic and their schedule.

#### **Upcoming Sustainability Chats:**

- Wednesday, Feb. 12 at noon - Swaps. Mary will talk about a craft swap they are hosting, and Jenny will talk about a toy swap and costume swap they have hosted in Merrimack. Brittany suggested Jenny reach out to Heather Dresser in Hooksett about participating and sharing how the Friends in Hooksett run their costume swap.
- March 19 or sometime near that date - Lending Kits - Nancy is going to reach out to Lea at Newbury about possibly speaking about their DIY and craft kits
- April - skip (Conference month)
- May - potentially have NH Saves speak, or other building / energy topic

Newsletter: Next newsletter will come out this month with information about a Sustainable Chat in February, and also forthcoming sustainable books that may be

considered for libraries' collections. Brittany will start a spreadsheet for everyone to add titles to.

### **New business**

Conference tote bags: Following a request by Deb Hoadley for this committee to look into Enviro-Tote, the committee's thoughts were:

Pros: Nice to have a professional tote, nice to recall a conference attended, they last a long time, locally-made with sustainable materials.

Concerns: What is the conference committee's budget? Does everyone need to get a bag? Should be thoughtful about giving out swag and the sustainability of that - will everyone want what is given out?

Mary will follow up with Deb:

- Clarification of what her goals are with the tote bags
- Whether this committees' recommendations for sustainable vendors and the conference attendee pledge were adopted and what is being done to use these recommendations.

Idea for conference: Economizing "doing more with less" roundtable at NHLA potentially if they do not have enough presentations

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm**

Next meeting:

Jan 6. **Feb. 3** Mar. 3 Apr. 7 May 5 June 2 July 7 Aug. 4 Sept. 8 Oct. 6 Nov. 3 Dec. 1