

**Friends of Coastal Waters**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 22, 2022**  
**6:00-7:45 pm - Public Session**  
**Exeter Library**

- **6:05 pm - Call meeting to order (held via Zoom and in person):**
  - Attending: Emily, Erica, Bill, Alina, Jasmine, Liz, Payton
  - Absent: Tristan, Jordyn
  
- **6:06 pm - Building and Grounds Updates:**
  - Bill met with the owner and two contractors for an onsite walkthrough last Friday; the contractors discussed ways to save costs and want to start right away; the lease is pending while the owner is on vacation, although we are following through on the terms of the LOI; we take possession of the building on Saturday and the contractor expects to complete the project within two months.
  - Outdoor learning spaces: two tents are up and there will be two more; about 20 staff and family members gathered to clean up the grounds yesterday; classrooms are being set up this week and there is a picnic gathering on Thursday from 5:30-7pm.
  - Some members of the public asked about weather-related options; Bill and Erica assured them that students and staff will always be kept safe and that there are many faculty who are familiar with navigating weather and outdoor learning; also, they will have access to the building in case of any emergency.
  - Classrooms: Erica shared that faculty are meeting this week to discuss learning outdoors and that school supplies are arriving this week; teachers and advisors are reaching out with letters to students this week and Erica will send schedules and the parent handbook.
  - Safety: fire protection companies are coming this week; we are working with the Exeter Police and Fire services on a safety plan which will be shared with teachers and directors; there will be CPR/First Aid training for staff as well as Outdoor First Responder training; there will be at least one staff member certified to administer medications.
  - There are some CATA items that need to be picked up tomorrow or Wednesday, as well as some tables and chairs from Hampton school district and a basketball hoop and chairs in Concord that should be picked up this week.
  - Some members of the public asked about bussing and carpooling and mentioned an app called Pickup Patrol that may be useful; the admin team is still discussing transportation options with SAU 16; however, we are determined to provide bussing for students whose IEPs require transportation.
  - A member of the public asked about the suggested \$500 donation and fundraising options; there are PayPal links on the website so folks can donate over time, donate more, or less; board members can be contacted to arrange donations from community businesses; a wishlist will be updated and distributed soon.
  - There are many parent resources available on the website (supply list, schedules, etc.).
  - There were questions about lunch and Bill shared that lunch should be brought from home; there will be a refrigerator and microwave available as well as a pantry for anyone who may be food insecure; there will be a common lunchtime at the school.

- o We discussed the process for paraeducators and noted that the SAUs must provide resources (contracted and billed to the sending districts).
  - o A member of the public asked about opportunities for parents to become involved in the school community; Bill and Erica shared that there will be a School Community Organization (SCA) to help organize festivals, events, fundraising, parent education, etc.; we will need a volunteer to host the Facebook parent page.
  - o We also discussed surveillance at the site (no plans currently for cameras) and we noted the heavy police presence at the property; Jasmine volunteered to contact the state about getting some lights in addition to the school zone signs we will have for Holland Way.
- **Public Session adjourned at 7:31 pm.**

**Next Meeting:**  
**6:00-7:45pm on 8/15/22**  
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