

## **Library Board of Trustees Candidate**

### **Jane Murray**

#### **Community Activities**

- Winchester Senior Association Board of Directors, 2006-2013
- Winchester Council on Aging Board, 2013-Present
- Winchester Public Library Board of Trustees, 2010-Present
- Former Town Meeting member for many years
- Former member Cemetery Committee

#### **Candidate Statement**

In addition, I am a certified paralegal, qualified mediator and a Trustee of boards outside of Winchester.

Statement: It has been my privilege to be a Trustee of the Winchester Public Library for the past 12 years. Over that time there has been a raft of issues. In that time, we have hired a new Assistant Director and many other staff. The Library has been in the forefront of new technologies for the Town. We have new heating and cooling capabilities. We have some lovely new study rooms. There is enhanced security.

The past year has been one of constant re-assessment. We began curbside pickup in May – that has been wildly successful. In August we began booking appointments for browsing and computer use and we are still one of a very few libraries allowing appointments and, indeed, open at all.

Of course, we would like to be open and have free access to everyone all the time. Many of our clients have questioned why not, but the state library commission and the governor's office have so far kept us from doing so.

A year on from the start of the virus, it is difficult to remember what our 'needs and challenges' are – everything has been a challenge. But when we return to normal, we can all go back to complaining about the parking.