Strategic planning meeting with FOCML 3/20/18

Present: Jan Hammel, Sue Colton, Mary Watkins from the Friends. Skip, Robin, Allie, Linda and Anne from the Board of Trustees.

Ideas that surfaced:

- A knitters group
- Teach/learn a foreign language
- TCNA will be reinstituting its educational programming. Mary Watkins thought that when the program is planned, the library could help pull together the material needed.
- Safety in the town, community and schools. Sue Colton felt that we could host a discussion for those groups interested in this topic, including the police, the fire department, the school, the library… Robin said that the State has an “emergency Preparedness Plan” that community members might not be aware of.
- 4 way stop sign at the 4 corners.
- Safety study
- Make connections with people of all ages in the community. The feeling of “Connectedness” is important these days!
- Skateboard park/skating rink
- Path/sidewalk along the river and from the school to the town, with benches along the path.
- Simple restaurant/pub/wine bar in town. Katie’s barn would be ideal! What about a coffee house that turns into a wine bar at night? What are the hurdles that Steve Grasse is facing to open a pub in the old Tamworth Inn? Perhaps the library could help.
- Affordable housing for young families and for older folks.
- Senior living→assisted living→nursing home
- Recreation Center. Evidently, there used to be a rec. center in the basement of the Town House.

These notes are sketchy, but I wanted to try to sum up the thoughts/dreams/aspirations that were expressed.