

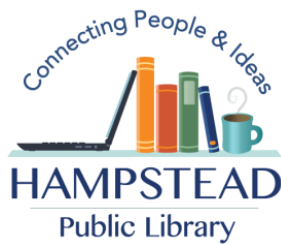
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 17, 2026 1 PM

Monthly meeting called to order at 1pm. In attendance Trustees Natalie Gallo, Veronica Shelley, Al Cipriano, Theresa McTammany, Donna Capern; Friends Liaison Carol Cipriano; Kevin Hodge; Director Kate Thomas; minutes Emily Wentworth.

Visitor comments and questions- none.

Friends of the Library Update-The thrift shop made \$1,651 in the month, and approximately \$16,000 in the past six months. The next thrift shop fashion show "Stars, Stripes, and Style" will be held June 13, 2026. They are asking the trustees if they are interested in modeling. The next meeting has been moved to March 26, 2026 at 6pm at the library.

1. Approve minutes from January 20, 2026 meeting. Motion to approve minutes made by Donna, seconded by Theresa, all in favor.
2. Director's Report- Kate shared her report.
 - a. Stats- 3,636 people visited the library in January; an average of 37 people used the Wi-Fi each day. There are currently 4,419 patrons with cards. The meeting rooms were used 68 times during the month, and 68 people used the study rooms in addition.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Budget- Al pointed out that the newspaper line so far this quarter is exceptionally high. This is because the Wall Street Journal subscription is paid in January and is a large portion of the whole budget. Summer Reading preparations are already taking place which means more of the programs budget line has been spent as well.
 - b. Al spoke with Chiraag Kirpalani about their upcoming visit which is tentatively set for April 21, 2026.
 - c. Available interest dividends with Edward Jones is \$3,717.19 and \$1,846.38 with LPL. Al will check if there is a deadline to withdraw those funds. The trustees agreed to wait until after the election to make a decision on what to use the money for.
4. Old Business
 - a. Policy updates- Security Camera Policy final reading. Motion to accept the Security Camera Policy made by Al, seconded by Donna, all in favor.
5. New Business
 - a. A letter of interest for the alternate trustee position was submitted by Kevin Hodge. The trustees will recommend his position to the Select Board.
 - b. Meeting Room Request- Lynn Terrile and Mary Preble submitted a letter or request to use the meeting room April 10 through April 12 for an art show and fundraiser in memory of



Michael Terrile. Trustees are concerned about setting a precedent that would go against the meeting room policy. Questions regarding the payment and logistics of having a staff member involved arose. Kate will negotiate with the requestors and discuss legality with the town hall.

- c. Personal Use of Meeting Rooms- A request to use the meeting room for personal use of the library Wii was discussed. It was agreed that the existing Meeting Room Policy should be followed, not allowing personal use for recreation. The possibility of checking out the Wii for home use was considered.
 - d. Trustee Webinar Review- The trustees recently viewed a webinar hosted by Niche Academy. All discussed trustees attending library programs and making themselves available to speak with the public. Trustees sharing and interacting with library social media can increase engagement. Knowing what's going on in the community and state helps trustees make the most informed decisions.
6. Donations by groups or individuals. Motion to accept all donations made by Ronnie, seconded by Theresa, all in favor.
- a. Acceptance of donations in memory
 - b. Money in donation jar
 - c. Books, audios & videos from various individuals
 - d. Donations by groups or individuals: Donation \$150 in memory of a patron who loved dogs. Megan has purchased children's books. Donation \$50 in memory of our former staff member and Friend of the library Louise Pryor.
7. Correspondence- none.
8. Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn made by Donna, seconded by Ronnie, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

Next regular meeting Tuesday March 17, 2026, at 1PM