

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

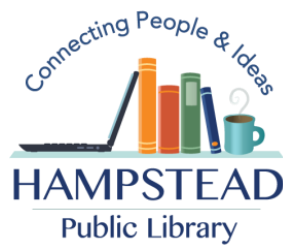
Monthly meeting called to order at 1pm. In attendance Trustees Natalie Gallo, Veronica Shelley, Al Cipriano, Donna Capern; Friends Liaison Carol Cipriano; alternate trustee Kevin Hodge voting as Theresa McTammany; Director Kate Thomas; minutes Emily Wentworth.

Re-organization of Board- Al nominated Natalie Gallo as chair of the library board of trustees, seconded by Ronnie, all in favor. Natalie nominated Al as treasurer, seconded by Donna, all in favor.

Visitor comments and questions- none.

Friends of the Library Update- The thrift shop made approximately \$2,400 in February and \$17,000 in the past six months. March 21 will be the first day of spring/summer items at the thrift shop. The next Friends meeting will be Thursday, March 26 at 6pm. Saturday, June 13, 2026, will be the thrift shop fashion show.

1. Approve minutes of February 17, 2026 meeting. Motion to approve minutes made by Ronnie, seconded by Kevin, all in favor.
2. Director's Report- Kate shared her report.
 - a. Stats- 3,500 people visited the library in February. The staff answered 199 reference questions and 47 technology questions. Museum passes were borrowed 52 times.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Budget-2026 adjustments due to default budget- The library received the first allocation of this year's budget. Kate and Al discussed adjustments to the proposed budget to fit the default budget, a 5.6% decrease to \$790,109.12. Line items that were cut include the book budget, Hoopla, supplies, equipment, programming, and building maintenance.
 - b. Total dividends for Edward Jones amounted to \$3,717.19 and LPL \$1,846.38. Kate would like to wait until the budget discussion with the Select Board to decide what to do with it, or to keep it in the accounts as an emergency fund.
 - c. Motion to request \$790,109.12 from the default budget from the town at the Select Board meeting made by Donna, seconded by Al, all in favor.
4. Old Business- none.
5. New Business
 - a. Decision factors for closing the library- Kate shared a checklist guide she created to help aid in deciding when to close the library for weather and other emergencies.
6. Donations by groups or individuals. Motion to accept all donations made by Ronnie, seconded by Donna, 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: Salem Area Women's Club donated \$500 to the library to help us set up a makerspace cart.
7. Correspondence- The Trustees and staff all signed a get well soon card for Natalie.
 8. Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn made by Donna, seconded by Kevin, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:24pm.

Next regular meeting Tuesday April 21, 2026, at 1PM