



Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 18, 2026 1 PM

Monthly meeting called to order at 1:03pm. In attendance Trustees Natalie Gallo, Veronica Shelley, Al Cipriano, Theresa McTammany, Donna Capern via zoom; alternate trustee Kevin Hodge; Friends Liaison Carol Cipriano; Selectboard Liaison Joe Guthrie; Director Kate Thomas; minutes Emily Wentworth.

Visitor comments and questions- none.

Friends of the Library Update- The annual meeting is coming up on Friday, August 28 at 6pm at Sweet Baby Vineyard. The Friends supported the summer reading program with \$4,500. The Thrift Shop will be open for a bonus day on the first day of the book sale on August 28th. The Friends are also sponsoring the upcoming September tea event. The second annual Spooky to Sparkle Sale will be held September 28th 9am-1pm. Sales at the thrift shop continue to increase.

1. Approve minutes of July 21, 2026 and July 27, 2026 meetings. Motion to approve minutes made by Theresa, seconded by Al, Donna yes, Theresa yes, Al yes, Natalie yes, Ronnie yes.
2. Director's Report- Kate shared her report.
 - a. Stats- 5,839 people visited the library in the month of July, 333 reference questions were answered by staff, and 45 new patron cards were issued. Total attendance at programs for the month was 1,304 people.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Budget-2026- The budget is generally on track, building maintenance costs have been high this year. The new water heater will come out of income generating or the overdues account.
 - b. Updates on Goldman Sachs and 24Wealth- Al spoke with Chiraag from 24Wealth about the custodian change from LPL to Goldman Sachs. The change will not affect the current fee to the library. James Cahn from 24Wealth will visit the library September 24, 2026 at 9am to discuss the library's accounts with the trustees.
4. Old Business
 - a. Collection development policy revision- second reading. Motion to approve the Collection Development Policy made by Ronnie, seconded by Theresa, Donna yes, Theresa yes, Al yes, Natalie yes, Ronnie yes.
5. New Business
 - a. Discussion of quotes and safety for water tank removal- Kate got some more quotes for the tank removal. The Rag Man quoted \$21,000, Southern NH Plumbing, Heating, Cooling LLC quoted \$19,350, Houston Welding quoted \$56,580, ECO Environmental Contracting LLC quoted \$23,875. The Trustees are supportive of closing the library during this work if necessary but would like a more accurate idea of the timeline. There are safety concerns



with the use of torches, more information is needed about ventilation needs. Kate will work on clarifying details with the contractors. Motion to waive the bid process for the tank project made by Theresa, seconded by Donna, Donna yes, Theresa yes, Al yes, Natalie yes, Ronnie yes.

- b. Study Room Policy revision- first reading.
 - c. Discussion of sealed non-public meeting minutes- Theresa and Ronnie recommend unsealing the remaining minutes with the exception of minutes from December 21, 2010, that should remain sealed. Motion to unseal the remaining minutes except for December 21, 2010 made by Ronnie, seconded by Al, Donna yes, Theresa yes, Al yes, Natalie yes, Ronnie yes. Motion to seal the minutes from December 21, 2010 for another 10 years made by Ronnie, seconded by Al. Donna yes, Theresa yes, Al yes, Natalie yes, Ronnie yes.
 - d. Non-public per RSA 91-A:3,II(a)- Ronnie moved to enter non-public, seconded by Theresa. Donna yes, Theresa yes, Al yes, Natalie yes, Ronnie yes. Motion to exit non-public by Ronnie, seconded by Theresa. Donna yes, Theresa yes, Al yes, Natalie yes, Ronnie yes. Kate discussed an employee's job responsibilities and salary. No actions were taken.
6. Donations by groups or individuals- Moved to accept by Donna, seconded by Theresa. Donna yes, Theresa yes, Al yes, Natalie yes, Ronnie yes.
- a. Acceptance of donations in memory: Family of Constance Carney asked for donations to the library in her memory. Cable committee has donated \$100 in memory of Howie Lyhte.
 - b. Money in donation jar
 - c. Books, audios & videos from various individuals
 - d. Donations by groups or individuals:
7. Correspondence – none.
8. Meeting adjourned: Motion by Ronnie to adjourn, seconded by Natalie. Donna yes, Theresa yes, Al yes, Natalie yes, Ronnie yes at 3:10 pm

Next regular meeting Tuesday September 15, 2026, at 1PM