



Whipple Free Library

There's Always Another Chapter

Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees

May 19th, 2026

Present: Kerri Kelley, Susan Hansen, Christa Snyder, John Fladd, Michael Constance, Jennifer Allocca and Tanya Ricker (Library Director)

Jennifer arrived at 7:50pm

Absent: Mike Pare

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Kerri Kelley, Chair.

Recurring Business:

- **Minutes: Susan**

- April minutes reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes by John. Motion seconded by Michael. Vote unanimous.
- April non-public minutes reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes by Christa. Motion seconded by John. Vote unanimous.

- **Treasurer's report: Jennifer**

- April Treasurer's Report reviewed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Susan. Motion seconded by Michael. Vote unanimous.
- James Connatser from Team Renegade Dog Sled donated \$100 to the library after his dog sled presentation. Motion to accept the donation by Michael and seconded by Susan. All trustees in favor.
- Ron and Candy Brenner donated \$100 to the library in memory of Melanie MacDonald following the Children's Special Education program. Michael made a motion to accept the donation and Jennifer seconded. All trustees in favor.

- **Library Director's Report: Tanya**

- The winners for the EBSCO Solar Grant will be announced at the end of June.
- The library was awarded the \$3000 Summer Reading Grant from the Dollar Literacy Foundation. A portion of the grant will be used to increase the size of the garden and add kid friendly activities outside the Children's room door for the summer.

- Community Garden update: Two of the garden beds are already installed with the help of Kate Fitzpatrick. The children will plant the seeds next week.
 - The library plans to host a seed saving workshop in August.
 - The new library sign should be installed in the next couple of weeks.
 - The decision was made to postpone exterior painting until next year in order to cut back on spending due to the default budget.
 - Mandatory Primex sexual harassment training is being held tomorrow (May 20th) at the Fire Station.
- **Friends Report: Susan**
 - Auction debrief: Next year the raffle will be discontinued. There was a suggestion to just do the online auction since it is so successful and a lot less work but overall the desire is to keep the in person auction because it is a fun community event.
 - The Friends would like to contribute to the Barbara Ballou Scholarship. They are going to talk to the Foundation to see if they can contribute \$500 annually to the scholarship to increase the amount to \$1500.
- **Facilities Maintenance: Michael C.**
 - Michael will test the water tomorrow.

Business Carried Over from Last Meeting

- Jennifer made a motion to accept the volunteer policy. Michael seconded the motion. All trustees in favor.
- Barbara Ballou Service Scholarship will be announced at the Scholarship Night at the high school in June.
- Payroll update: The new changes to clocking in and out are going very well. Geofencing is not being used.
- Cement Pad for the gazebo: Tanya has a quote for \$9000 from Scott Elliot for the ground prep work. She has reached out to a few concrete companies to try and get donations. John made a motion to move forward with construction of the gazebo utilizing approximately half of the amount from unanticipated funds and half from memorial funds. Michael seconded. All trustees in favor.

New Business:

- The Conservation Commission added signage for no motorized vehicles on the trails from the fire station to Mill Street. They would like to add signs on the

library trails as well. Tanya is going to reach out to the Conservation Commission to find out the procedure for how to deal with violators.

Calendar of Events:

- May 27: NHLTA Spring Conference
- June 16: Trustee meeting at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:34 pm by Jennifer. Motion seconded by Susan. All trustees in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hansen, Secretary