



Whipple Free Library

There's Always Another Chapter

Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees

June 16, 2026

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

Absent: Michael Constance

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Kerri Kelley, Chair.

Recurring Business:

- **Minutes: Susan**

- May minutes reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes by Christa. Motion seconded by Jennifer. 5 trustees in favor with Mike abstaining.

- **Treasurer's report: Jennifer**

- May Treasurer's Report reviewed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Susan. Motion seconded by John. Vote unanimous.

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

- The three community gardens are complete. The cost was covered by the Summer Reading Grant from the Dollar Literacy Foundation & Scotts Miracle Gro Grant. Also purchased was a webcam bird feeder.
- Scott Elliot will install the concrete pad for the gazebo when he can. Dig Safe has cleared the area. The gazebo has been delivered and the library is looking for volunteers to put the gazebo together.
- The Friends accepted the library wish list and have agreed to fund \$7,000 worth of items, which covers what is on the list and a little extra. Included on the list was Assabet, Library Aware, the owl program for summer reading and multiple seating options for out back/the gazebo.
- Tanya attended the NHLTA conference. She said that it was great to get the perspective of various trustees on important topics and also see what other libraries are struggling with or excelling in.
- Summer reading registration officially starts on Monday. The kickoff is with magician, Normal Ng, on Monday, June 22nd. Registration can be

done on both Asabet and Google Docs. The library was the Farmer's Market guest last weekend and ran out of summer reading packets.

- Lots of big programs are coming up this summer such as Norman Ng Magician, several gardening talks, a seed saving workshop, Owls Up Close, Rainforest Reptiles, and the library has partnered with the Rec Dept. for the finale featuring the Bubble Lady, tattoos, and an ice cream social.
- The Little Free Pantry received \$1168 from the proceeds of the town wide yard sale.
- The new sign was installed and looks great!
- Katie and Tanya attended the school's reading celebration/Kindergarten story time for the last school event of the year.

- **Friends Report: Susan**

- The Friends approved \$7000 for Tanya's wishlist
- No meeting in July
- They will not participate in the Barb Ballou scholarship.

- **Facilities Maintenance: Kerri**

- The May water sample still needs to be completed. Because the testing was not completed on time a public notice needs to be posted that we are not in compliance with the water testing.

Business Carried Over from Last Meeting

- The Barbara Ballou Service Scholarship recipient was Abigail Mitchell.
- Energy Commission meeting - The library is requesting to be on the agenda for the July meeting to discuss our electricity/heat pump issue.
- RBC Trust accounts - discussed how trust payments from the Dodge fund should be received.
- Closing on Saturdays – end of August. Jennifer made a motion for the library to close on all Saturdays except the second Saturday of the month beginning in September (due to the default budget). The trustees will reevaluate the closings after town voting in March. Christa seconded. All trustees in favor.
- Payroll system - Still working out the kinks

New Business:

- 4th of July weekend hours - The library will be closed on July 3rd in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Jennifer made a motion to close the library on July 4th as well. John seconded. All trustees in favor.

Non-Public Session – Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3

- Jennifer motioned to enter nonpublic at 8:54pm. Seconded by Susan. All trustees in favor.
- Susan motioned to re-enter public session at 9:11pm and was seconded by Mike. All trustees in favor.

Calendar of Events:

- July 21: Trustee meeting at 7:00 pm
- Aug 25: Trustee meeting at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:11pm by Jennifer. Motion seconded by John. All trustees in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hansen, Secretary