



Whipple Free Library

There's Always Another Chapter

Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees

August 25, 2026

Present: Kerri Kelley, Christa Snyder, John Fladd, Jennifer Allocca, Michael Constance, Mike Pare, Kristen DeCoste, and Tanya Ricker (Library Director)

Absent: Susan Hansen

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Kerri Kelley, Chair.

Recurring Business:

- **Minutes:**

- July minutes reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes by Jennifer. Motion seconded by Mike. Vote unanimous.
- July non-public minutes reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes by Christa. Motion seconded by Michael. Vote unanimous.

- **Treasurer's report: Jennifer**

- June Treasurer's Report reviewed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by John. Motion seconded by Mike. Vote unanimous.
- July Treasurer's Report reviewed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by John. Motion seconded by Michael. Vote unanimous.

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

- Outdoor furniture was purchased for the gazebo. Katie assembled the furniture.
- The gardens are abundant with fresh vegetables. Vicki Smerekanicz, Master Gardener, will help with the garden plans for next year.
- The outdoor HVAC units and emergency generator had mice and wasps nests in them. They were removed.
- The Fiction collection weeding was finished last week. Teen room collection will be weeded this week.

- **Friends Report: Susan**

- The Friends annual book sale will be on September 12th from 9:00-1:00. Volunteers are needed. Susan Carr sent out a link to SignUpGenius.

- **Facilities Maintenance: Michael C.**

- The water test for August is complete. Water is within normal limits.

Business Carried Over from Last Meeting

- Gazebo
 - The Gazebo was constructed by 2 volunteers (Dana Haley and Pedro Otero) and it looks great.
- MOU
 - The town provided an edited copy of the MOU to the trustees for review. Trustees will review it before our September meeting.
- HVAC/Energy Commission meeting
 - Our meeting with Granite State Plumbing and Heating and the Energy Commission has been rescheduled until September 17th.
- Little Free Pantry
 - We now have a small freezer and mini refrigerator for the pantry. Volunteers are keeping the shelves stocked and organized.
- Summer Reading Program
 - WFL partnered with the Rec. Dept for the finale on 8/10. It was a wonderful event. Katie and Sue will be taking some much deserved vacation time soon.

New Business:

- CIP
 - The expansion project will be removed from CIP for now. The building has several maintenance projects that need to be completed before an addition can even be considered.

Non-Public Session – Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Calendar of Events:

- Sept 15: Trustee meeting at 7:00 pm
- Sept 17: Energy Commission meeting 6:30 – 7:30pm @ Town Hall

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:19 pm by John. Motion seconded by Mike. All trustees in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Kelley, Chair