

**MINUTES OF BLAISDELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
TRUSTEE MEETING**

**January 28, 2026  
5:00 p.m.**

**Trustees Present:** Jen Phillips, Deb Ricker, Lynn Soucie, Christine Debricio, Karyn Quinn, Allison Friend-Gray

**Others Present:** Dan Bunker, Assistant Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Policy Updating:

Jen provided a budget update, reporting that library's budget request is on track. The warrant article (#15) to repave and light the parking lot is for a scaled-back proposal of \$50,000 that replaces the upper lot paving and installs lighting just for that lot, along with electrical work to eventually install lighting when the lower lot is addressed at a later date.

Interview: Olivia Wing, 5:15 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Minutes from the Dec. 16 meeting had no changes or corrections. Deb moved to approve the minutes, Lynn seconded. All voted in favor.

Library Director's report: Kanopy was purchased using remaining Materials line funds, for \$1,500 per year. There are no monthly charges and 2026 is going to be a test year to see what take-up is on this new offering. Blaisdell stats were provided to the town for the annual report; staff is considering pulling together "Blaisdell Book Ends," which will be similar to Spotify Wrap, highlighting popular items, etc. Deb moved to add the director's report to the minutes, Lynn seconded. All voted in favor.

The end-of-year Treasurer's report is still being finalized; Jen will send to the Trustees once it is completed. Trustees reviewed December's expenses; Deb moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Lynn seconded. All voted in favor.

Karyn Quinn provided the Friends of the Library report. The Friends are still reviewing new sign options, and have narrowed down their selections. Once they settle on a design and confirm costs, they will present the option(s) to the Trustees for final approval. The High Mowing seed sale is in progress, ending on Jan. 31. Plans for an Oktoberfest fundraising event are progressing, with a lot of moving parts.

The Trustees voted to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II(b) at 5:46 p.m.

Voting:

Deb Ricker – Aye

Jen Phillips – Aye

Lynn Soucie – Aye

The Trustees exited nonpublic session/returned to public session at 5:50 p.m.

Deb Ricker moved to authorize Amanda Stevens to extend an offer of employment to Olivia Wing, pending the successful completion of a background check. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor.

There was a discussion about the staff eating area, kitchen updating (cabinets are separating from the wall), and the organization of the meeting room, along with programming space designations. The meeting room is receiving more inquiries for use, necessitating the consideration of flexible programming space in the building. Trustees agreed that a more comprehensive plan, taking short- and long-term internal and external building needs into consideration warrants a dedicated meeting. Lynn will arrange a poll for timing consideration sometime in the month of May.

Deb moved to accept donations, Lynn seconded. All voted in favor.

Jen reminded all that the town deliberative session will be on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Jen Phillips

Approved: February 19, 2026