

MINUTES OF BLAISDELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING

February 19, 2026

Trustees Present: Jen Phillips, Deb Ricker, Kate Ver Ploeg, Lynn Soucie, Karyn Quinn (Alternate), Christine Dabrieo (Alternate)

Others Present: Amanda Stevens, Interim Library Director

Members of Public: none

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

Policy Updating/Current Tasks:

- Discussed additional revisions to the Circulation Policy. Staff will incorporate final edits and Trustees will review for final approval at the March meeting.

Public Comment: None

Secretary's Report:

- Lynn moved to approve the January 28 public meeting minutes as submitted. Deb seconded. All voted in favor.
- Lynn moved to approve the January 28 non-public meeting minutes as submitted. Deb seconded. All voted in favor.

Director's Report:

- Discussed summer staffing coverage and the possible need to seek additional Page since John is now a Circulation Assistant and Cadence may not be available during June and July.
- Due to lack of museum pass usage, staff is considering reducing the number of passes offered in support of cost savings. May purchase a summer pass for the New England Aquarium.
- BML awarded a \$2,000 NH Humanities grant. Funding will be used for a "Junk to Funk" event in July.
- Amanda applied for a grant through the Association for Rural & Small Libraries; if awarded monies will be used toward internal library lighting upgrades.
- Lynn moved to add the Director's Report to the minutes. Deb seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- Kate V.P. moved to accept the 2025 End of Year Report. Deb seconded. All voted in favor.
- Kate V.P. moved to return \$213 from the 2025 operating budget (unspent in a lapsing account) back to the town. Deb seconded. All voted in favor.
- Kate V.P. moved to accept the January 2026 Income & Expense Report. Deb seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Friends of the Library Report:

- Friends of the Library (FoL) seed sale experienced less sales than previous years.
- FoL will hold their annual cleanup same day as the town on April 18.

New Business:

- Deb moved to accept any and all donations received. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor.

Old Business:

- Lynn will email Trustees the draft bequest spending considerations for Trustees to review/discuss at their May planning meeting.

Community Calendar:

- Town Elections - March 10, 2026
- Town & FoL Cleanup - April 18, 2026

Next Meeting:

- Regular Trustee Meeting - March 24, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Jen moved to adjourn, and the meeting ended at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Soucie

Approved on March 24, 2026