

## AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY      BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

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Attendees: Amy Lapointe, Nancy Baker, Steve Mantius, Toni Dinkel, Nancy Head, Liz Larson, CJ Butler, Jim McGinness

June 24, 2025

Call to order: 9:35am

Request to open Public Hearing unanimously approved.

Motion to approve two gifts of \$5,210 and \$2,195 from the Friends of the Library. EL first, TD second, unanimously approved. \$5210 paid for museum passes for the year, and \$2195 paid for the winter concert series.

Public Hearing closed and regular business meeting opened at 9:40am.

Motion to approve May 19, 2025 minutes Toni, second by Nancy. Unanimously approved.

### Directors Report:

- 11 out of 12 months for data. Overall circulation is down a smidge for the year, which feels consistent with national trends. Door count is also down which is discouraging.
- New town administrator is very active and jumping to several projects, including forming a new Employee Advisory Group to examine personnel policies and benefits. Amy and Alexa will represent the library on this committee.

### Library Landscape:

- New Hampshire did receive allocated ILMS funding through September
- Current draft of the State budget includes a cut to the Department of Cultural Resources, which includes the NH State Library.

### Treasurer's Report:

- We are running over budget primarily as a result of the changes to retirement and health benefits.
- Reviewed investments; Steve recommended to continue to keep cash, board agreed.
- Toni and Steve agree, it is no longer cool to go to the mall. Pay attention, kids!

Next scheduled meeting Monday, August 18 at 6pm

Meeting adjourned 10:37am (SM, TD second, unanimously adjourned)

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Larson, Secretary