

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

October 19, 2026

Attendees: Nancy Baker, Gretchen Pyles, Dave Hallenbeck, CJ Butler, Toni Dinkel, Jim McGinness, Jackie McKnight and Amy Lapointe

Nancy Baker called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes from September 21, 2026: Steve Mantius moved and Jim McGinness seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Library Director's Report:

Door count has stayed relatively steady despite changes due to construction; decrease in children's circulation due to renovation.

Upcoming programming reviewed; an in-person Holiday Magic through Floral Arrangements and Decor being offered; Children's programming includes Trunk or Treat and Trick or Treat with Friends of the Library.

Halloween hours - the library will reopen from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. to be open during trick or treating times.

Treasurer's Report: Corrections made to some of the line items by Town Hall; software licensing is front loaded; investments reviewed.

Old Business:

Board of Selectmen meeting presentation discussed.

Lower level reconstruction reviewed; some delays with contractor and installers; considered dates for Open House to showcase new Children's Room.

Boardman Room reimaged; survey sent to patrons to get feedback about repurposing that space; staff will also have suggestions.

New Business:

NHLTA Regional Gathering reviewed; perhaps we can host a Regional Gathering; we could also try to organize a meeting with other GMILCS trustees because they are a wider audience with a similar focus. We also discussed how to get the most out of our trustee meetings.

Jim McGinness moved and Steve Mantius seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8:23 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Monday, November 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**