



**Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

Officers Present: President Dave Hempson, Vice President Katie Armijo, Treasurer Maura Molnar, Secretary Kathryn Carlson

Trustees: Connie Bohrer, Bill Conole, Jennifer Feeney, Susanne Guske, Ralph DeMasi, Kristin LaBeau (at-large), Anne McCarthy, Larry Palmieri, Amy Roller, Meghann Sandak

Staff: Library Executive Director Andea Snyder, Assistant Director and Librarian for Children & Teens Mary Beth Schwaltzwalder

Absent: Cristina Pietropaoli, Paul Torrisi, Jr.

Members of the Public: Mr. and Mrs. Mahood, Fran McCormack, Erin McCormack, Karen Bedard

Call to order at 6:30pm

Public Comment Period – Mr. and Mrs. Mahoud asked several questions pertaining to the library project and the bond process.

Approval of the Minutes – Minutes from the April 14, 2026 regular board meeting were approved.

President's Report

President Hempson requested that the Board now more than ever needs to put in the work to educate the voters and to get out the vote on May 19.

He then reviewed the feedback from the planning board, along with the history of the building project that led to the application that the board submitted to the planning board for a building permit. That the application was not accepted in its present form does not interfere in any way with the upcoming bond vote. The building committee will review the recommendations with the architects and develop a plan of action. President Hempson recommended that we hire a local architect who is well versed in the village codes to assist in that process. Trustee Palmieri made a motion that we also hire an attorney familiar with the village that could work with us. Trustee LaBeau seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Director's Report

Executive Director Snyder reported that the new Adult Services Librarian, Hannah Gingrich, began work on May 1 and has proven to be a valuable addition to the team. She will be introduced to the Board at a future meeting.

Executive Director Snyder also reported on the fundraising event at the Brewery in which local author Shiela Myers and friend of the library author Radha Lin Chadda answered questions, read from their new books and sold signed copies, donating all profits to the library building fund. In addition, Author Mary Gardner held the launch for her new book at the library and donated the proceeds from that initial sale to the library.

Executive Director Snyder and Assistant Director and Librarian for Children & Teens Schwaltzwalder provided board training on the collection of sensory boxes that are used in children's programming.

Finance Committee Report

Treasurer Molnar reported that the monthly financials were in line with the budget and there were no issues. Total operating income for the year to date (YTD) is \$466,009. Total expenses YTD are \$252,973. For the month the library had \$437,502 in its two operating accounts. Our investments accounts were up \$160,032 from March 31, 2026.

For the capital project cash inflows for the month were \$1,078,529, inflows for the YTD are \$2,800,364 and cash inflows for project to date are \$4,664,887 plus \$249,339 from the library (\$4,914,226 in grand total). Cash out flows for the month of April were \$3,757, for the YTD were \$218,544 and project to date were \$1,620,910. In the three capital campaign accounts the total was \$3,296,036.

Communication Committee

Chairperson LaBeau reported that the committee has been working on strategies for getting out the vote and presenting a consistent message. Yard signs have been generously donated by several supporters and will be distributed this coming week. Board members are asked to contact their individual networks to encourage people to remember to vote on May 19. Scripts are available and members are encouraged to recommend the website for additional information. There will be "Trustee Office Hours" at the library several times between now and the vote so community members can get questions answered.

Fundraising Committee

Capital Campaign Director McCormack reported that fundraising is doing well. There have been over 700 individual donors. There are a several upcoming events planned: Capital Campaign Director McCormack announced she is stepping down from her role in June.

Barrow Art Gallery (BAG) Update

Trustee Roller reported that the Barrow will open for the season on May 18 and will be staffed by volunteer docents seven days a week from noon to 4:00pm. She also reported that the fundraising event at the West Lake Conservation Center on Thursday May 28 is sold out. The money raised will ensure the revival of the John Barrow painting, "Sunset Trees and Cows".

Fennell Street New Building Committee

President Hempson reported that the building committee will meet next Monday to drill down into the Planning Board's response to the building application. The goal is to make any cosmetic changes needed that will not increase building costs significantly, and then to analyze the rest of the recommendations in light of the functionality of the building and its stated purposes. The goal is to minimize any financial impact, keep the building's purposes in mind, and reduce or eliminate the need for variance requests.

Public Comment Period – Fran McCormack and Karen Bedard spoke in favor of the building project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Library.