



January 27, 2026

7:15 PM

**Present:** Brown, Megan; Cantore, Mathew; Lamb, Robin; McMunn, Maria; Meyer, Mogor, Cornelia; Schlegel, Jennifer; Srinivasan, Purushothaman; Wise, Russell. Also present were Alex Gutelius, Jim Foster, Rebecca Verhayden, and Lisa Oddo.

**Absent:** Jason DiGianni, Suzanne Dugan, Stephen Meyer

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Mr. Cantore.

**AGENDA:** Mr. Cantore presented the January 27, 2026 agenda with two corrections. The Board Meeting date was changed to January 27, 2026 and the December 30 Warrant Number was corrected to read 2025. A **Motion** was made by Mr. Wise, seconded by Ms. Brown, to approve the agenda as amended. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present.

#### **MINUTES:**

A **Motion** was made by Ms. McMunn, seconded by Ms. Mogor, to accept the December 15, 2025, minutes with one spelling correction. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present.

A **Motion** was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. McMunn, to accept the January 5, 2026, minutes as sent. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Cantore noted the President's Report will include information about the work being done by the Executive Committee as well as an update on committee work.

**BOARD COMMENT:** Mr. Cantore thanked board members and staff for their flexibility regarding the change to the meeting date due to the snow storm.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Wise noted that due to the work on the 2025 audit this month there is no Treasurer's Report. The December 2025 and the January 2026 reports will be presented at the February meeting.



The December 22, 2025, warrant for \$160,393.74 was presented for approval. A **Motion** was made by Mr. Wise, seconded by Ms. Brown, to approve the December 22, 2025, warrant. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present. The reviewer for the December 22, 2025, warrant was Ms. McMunn.

The December 30, 2025, warrant for \$110,942.43 was presented for approval. A **Motion** was made by Mr. Wise, seconded by Mr. Srinivasan, to approve the December 30, 2025, warrant. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present. The reviewer for the December 30, 2025, warrant was Ms. McMunn.

The January 7, 2026, warrant for \$166,439.36 was presented for approval. A **Motion** was made by Mr. Wise, seconded by Ms. McMunn, to approve the January 7, 2026, warrant. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present. The reviewer for the January 7, 2026, warrant was Ms. Brown.

**THE FRIENDS:** Mr. Foster gave the following report:

1. The FOL hosted their Used Book Sale this weekend. It was a very successful event in spite of the weather. The FOL offered “Dime Day” beginning on Saturday afternoon.
2. The TTOB kickoff with Gem Radio Theatre: Adirondack Stories on January 11 was very successful and was well attended.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Foster gave the following report on Public Service:

1. Winter Reading for Adults, Teens, and Children continues through February. Everyone is enjoying the “Reading with your Gnomies” theme.
2. We have begun scheduling tax appointments. State forms are available in the café area and the federal forms will be placed in the same area when they arrive.
3. Our Notary services were very popular, with over 900 notary appointments in 2025.
4. Ms. Nemeth provided AI Training for staff.
5. Mr. Foster reported on several programs. The Happy Noon Year event was a big success. The Scavenger Hunts continue to be very popular. The Library also hosted several school field trips with ISD classes from Shenendehowa. He encouraged everyone to look at the program



brochure as we continue to offer a wide variety of programs for all ages.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ms. Verhayden gave the following report on Communications:

1. Ms. Verhayden reported on digital resources. LOTE4Kids was launched in December. It offers ebooks for children in more than 100 languages. We have cancelled our Tumblebooks subscription and are encouraging patrons to check out children's picture books on Libby.
2. Our ELL Volunteers logged over 3,000 volunteer hours last year.
3. We are scheduling interviews for the Community Outreach Coordinator position this week.
4. Twenty staff members attended the Lunch and Learn session on retirement options on January 12. The next staff Lunch and Learn topic is self-defense and will be held in June.
5. Advocacy Day is coming up next week and staff has scheduled appointments to talk to local representatives Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh and Senator Jim Tedisco.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ms. Gutelius gave the following report:

1. Total circulation increased by 5% in 2025 to 616,435. That is the highest number since the pandemic.
2. Curbside service will no longer be offered as the software used by the library is no longer available. If the occasional patron asks for curbside service, the request will be accommodated.
3. The library recently held a Speed Dating for Friends event. This program is aimed at people in their 20's and 30's. It received positive feedback from attendees.
4. The Annual Report is currently on hold as we are waiting for word on the new platform provider since Baker and Taylor is no longer in business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**POLICY COMMITTEE:** No Report

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** No Report



LONG RANGE PLANNING: No Report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: No Report

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No Report

FINANCE AND AUDIT: No Report

LEGISLATION: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Amendment to By-Laws

Mr. Cantore presented an update to the ByLaws under Article VII – Order of Business for consideration. The President’s Report will be added to the meeting agenda following Board Comment. No action will be taken tonight. This will be voted on next month.

There being no further business, Ms. Brown made the **Motion**, seconded by Mr. Srinivasan, to adjourn the meeting. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is Monday, February 23, 2026, at 7:15pm.