



February 23, 2026

7:15 PM

Present: Brown, Megan; Cantore, Mathew; DiGianni, Jason; Dugan, Suzanne; Lamb, Robin; McMunn, Maria; Meyer, Stephen; Mogor, Cornelia; Schlegel, Jennifer; Wise, Russ. Also present were Alex Gutelius, Jim Foster, Rebecca Verhayden, Lisa Oddo.

Absent: Purushothaman Srinivasan

Guest: Rebecca Dyehouse, Susan Flint, Rachel Reynolds
The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM by Mr. Cantore.

AGENDA: Mr. Cantore presented the February 23, 2026 agenda for approval. A **Motion** was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Wise, to approve the agenda as sent. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present.

MINUTES:

A **Motion** was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. McMunn, to accept the January 27, 2026, minutes as sent. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present. Ms. Dugan and Mr. Meyer chose to abstain.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were 38 people in attendance for the public comment. 15 people signed in to speak during the public comment period. Mr. Cantore shared that the public comment period is thirty minutes, and the Board may grant extra time at the discretion by a majority vote of the Board members present. Residents that wish to speak will be called upon in the order of the sign in. Residents will have three minutes to speak.

Susan Flint expressed support for the Read the Rainbow book club.

Sarah Quinn expressed support for the Read the Rainbow book club.

Bob Dufresne expressed concern about the Read the Rainbow book club.

Andy Perrone expressed support for the Read the Rainbow book club.

Madeline Schaeffer expressed support for the Read the Rainbow book club.



Kathy Lake expressed support for the Library.

Cheryl Pollock expressed concern about the Read the Rainbow book club.

Jeff Beberwyck expressed concern about the Read the Rainbow book club.

Tracy Beberwyck expressed concern about the Read the Rainbow book club.

Kara Chakmakas expressed support for the Read the Rainbow book club.

Mary Suda expressed support for the Read the Rainbow book club.

A **Motion** was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. DiGianni, to extend the public comment period to allow for the last few residents to speak. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present.

Geoffrey Hill expressed support for the Read the Rainbow book club.

Linda Russell expressed support for the Read the Rainbow book club.

Rebecca Manore expressed support for the Read the Rainbow book club.

Marcy Berman expressed support for the Read the Rainbow book club.

BOARD COMMENT: Mr. Cantore thanked everyone that came to the meeting tonight and the residents that participated in the public comment period. Ms. Brown shared that Ed and Francine Rodger will be stepping down from their role with the Foundation. Please talk with Ms. Brown if you are interested in stepping in.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Cantore reminded Trustees to complete their Board training as required.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Presentation of the 2025 Audit:

Rachel Reynolds of Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP was present to review the summary results and answer any questions about the 2025 audit. Ms.



Reynolds noted that it was a very clean audit, and there were no recommendations in the management letter. Staff were easy to work with

and provided all the information in a timely manner. They encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing the audit. There were no changes in significant accounting policies or the application in 2025. There were no uncorrected misstatements, and no other significant matters, findings, or issues. Ms. Reynolds thanked Ms. Gutelius and her staff for all their timely preparation and cooperation during the audit.

Mr. Meyer made the **Motion**, seconded by Mr. Wise, to accept the 2025 audit as presented. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Meyer presented the Financial Statements for December 2025 and January 2026. The December 2025 and January 2026 Financial Statements were reviewed and received for audit.

The January 21, 2026, warrant for \$142,482.38 was presented for approval. A **Motion** was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Ms. McMunn, to approve the January 21, 2026, warrant. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present. The reviewer for the January 21, 2026, warrant was Ms. Brown.

The January 30, 2026, warrant for \$595,459.26 was presented for approval. A **Motion** was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Ms. Brown, to approve the January 30, 2026, warrant. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present. The reviewer for the January 30, 2026, warrant was Ms. Brown.

The February 9, 2026, warrant for \$152,891.95 was presented for approval. A **Motion** was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Ms. McMunn, to approve the February 9, 2026, warrant. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present. The reviewer for the February 9, 2026, warrant was Mr. Wise.

Mr. Meyer noted that in December 2025 we had \$20.00 in anonymous donations and in January 2026 we had \$69.90 in anonymous donations.

THE FRIENDS: Mr. Foster gave the following report:

1. The FOL will be upgrading our current water fountains with hydration stations.
2. The Used Book Sale in January raised over \$8,600 even with a shortened schedule due to the snowstorm.



3. The FOL are offering two \$1,000 scholarships. The application deadline is February 27, 2026.
4. The TTOB: Conducting a Missing Person Investigation event was held on Sunday, February 22 at 2pm. Over 60 people attended.

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

1. The Winter Reading program will be wrapping up at the end of the month for adults, teens, and children. Bingo sheets need to be turned in by February 28, 2026.
2. Tax season is in full swing. Federal and State forms are available in the café area. AARP volunteers are here on Monday and Saturday, and currently all appointments are filled.
3. The Youth AstroNet program for middle schoolers held during school break week was very popular. It may be offered again over the summer.
4. Library Explorers will be offered beginning in March. This program will be for grades K-3 and will highlight our non-fiction collection and feature speakers on various topics.
5. Mini-Golf in the library will be on Friday, March 13 from 6:15-8:30pm.
6. The author visit with Liz Moore is on Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm. Registration for this event opens on March 17.

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

1. Ms. Verhayden shared information regarding the Title II and WCAG 2.1 requirements. Title II of the ADA requires state and local governments to make sure their services are accessible to people with disabilities. All public entities, including public libraries, must be in compliance by April 26, 2026. Staff are preparing the Library's website, online calendar, and social media to meet this deadline.
2. We are streamlining our digital content and ending access to CloudLibrary effective April 1, 2026. We will continue to expand content through Libby.
3. The Library is partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension to bring a Seed Library to our patrons. They will provide the seed packets.



4. Senior staff, Mr. Cantor and Mr. Wise attended Advocacy Day and met with local representatives Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh and Director of Policy from Senator Jim Tedisco's office.

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

1. Ms. Gutelius noted that the Director's Goals were included in the board packet.
2. The policy committee and staff are working on a draft policy for AI.
3. Ms. Stefanidis has accepted the position of Community Outreach Coordinator.
4. Ms. Gutelius noted she appreciated that people came to the library to participate in the Public Comment period.

The Board of Trustees discussed at length the Public Comment period and will take comments under advisement. Under Policy 3.19 the Board may refer such comments to a committee or add them to a Board meeting agenda for future consideration. Mr. Meyer made the **Motion**, seconded by Ms. Mogor to add the public comments discussion as an agenda item for next month's board meeting. The **Motion** was defeated by a vote of 3 for and 7 against.

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: Amendment to By-Laws

Mr. Cantore presented an update to the By-Laws under Article VII-Order of Business for consideration. The President's Report will be added to the meeting agenda following the Board Comment. The amendment was presented at the January 27, 2026 meeting in accordance with the By-Laws section regarding By-Law amendments. Ms. Brown made the **Motion**, seconded by Ms. Dugan, to approve the addition of the President's Report to the meeting agenda in the By-Laws. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present.

NEW BUSINESS: None

There being no further business, Ms. Brown made the **Motion**, seconded by Mr. DiGianni, to adjourn the meeting. The **Motion** passed unanimously by those present, and the meeting adjourned at 9:46PM.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is Monday, March 16, 2026, at 7:15pm.