

HMML Minutes 1/20/26

Meeting Called to Order: 7:01

In Attendance:

Libby Persons Trustee Vice Chair
Betsy McCombs Trustee Treasurer
Michelle Wheeler Trustee Secretary

John Clark Trustee Chair
Ben Brown Library Director
Joan Harlow Member at Large

Secretary's report

Joan makes a motion to approve the minutes from 11/18/25, Libby seconds, all are in favor.

Treasurer's Report

We have five line items that went over but not for unreasonable reasons. We went over slightly in media, we had cut it last year but we need to put it back up again, losing the \$1000 in media affected us this year. We put off the cleaning of the rugs and saved ourselves a little bit, we made the switch to the new internet and saved money there. There was an unexpected lift repair for \$2600. We have \$391 to return to the town. We only spent \$904 from non-lapsing this year, we started with \$7,428.68 but with donations we ended with over \$10,000 even with the expenses.

The Empath group made a donation of \$16, the Scrabble tournament donated \$100 and \$100 from Carol Ann Obarton in memory of Elizabeth Segeberg. Joan makes a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$216, Libby seconds, all are in favor.

Director's report

We were closed for 8 days this December which is why our numbers are a little lower this year than last year. We had regular programming but no big events. Yoga costs are going up in 2026. Shoveling on the weekends is an issue, the town is supposed to shovel on the weekends but they have not been. John will email Jake about this.

Other business

The election is coming up, Libby is up for reelection this year and will register her name. The Friends would like to get the library "open" flags and poles for both doors. Ben suggests that we get new bunting as well.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 by Joan, seconded by Libby, unanimously approved.

Michelle Wheeler Recording Secretary