

HMML Minutes 3/17/26

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00

In Attendance:

Libby Persons Trustee Vice Chair
Betsy McCombs Trustee Treasurer
Michelle Wheeler Trustee Secretary
Pam Tibbetts Selectman Representative

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

Election of officers

Joan moves to leave the officers as is, Libby seconds, all are in favor.

Secretary's report

Joan makes a motion to approve the minutes from 2/17/26, Libby seconds, all are in favor.

Treasurer's Report

We received the binder from the auditor, everything was fine. We have the check from the town and it has been deposited. Do the trustees need to sign off on COLA increases of 3.7%? Betsy will ask Lisa. Betsy has put in numbers for February, the propane bill was large. Betsy mentions we need to figure out how to use targeted donations from 2025.

There's a \$50 donation from Silver Heels Riding Club. Joan makes a motion to accept the \$50 donation, Libby seconds, everyone is in favor.

Director's report

Attendance is a little lower than last year, we were closed for three days in February of this year. Physical circulation is about the same and digital usage is up. The concert scheduled for 2/21 is rescheduled for May 16th. There is another concert this coming Saturday. We have the "open" sign and new bunting which the Friends purchased. We have had a couple of weeks of being short staffed and we were closed this past Sunday because of that.

Other business

We have sent Patti the last check for landscaping help and we will not be using her services in 2026. The garden club will be removing some plants from some plant "islands" around town and some of those may be available to transplant into the library landscape.

John plans on pruning the dogwood tomorrow and take down the old bunting from the front. John will not be here for the 4/21 meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 by Joan, seconded by Libby, unanimously approved.

Michelle Wheeler Recording Secretary