

Sandown Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes: May 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order 6:30 p.m.

Attendance (P: Present, A: Absent)

- ☐ (P) Chair Elaine Aubin
- ☐ (A) Vice Chair Marc Zucker
- ☐ (P) Secretary Melissa Tiney
- ☐ (A) Treasurer Barbara Lachance
- ☐ (P) At-Large Robert Menard
- ☐ (P) Alternate Nell Keif
- ☐ (P) Director Brittney Bergholm
- ☐ (A) Selectman Liaison Benjamin Sharpe

Sue Dupouy and Tricia Thomas are present from the community.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- none

Correspondence

- none

Approval of Minutes

- Date of Minutes: April 10, 2025
- Motion: Trustee Aubin
- Second: Trustee Menard
- Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report

- P&L Budget vs. Actual Spreadsheet
- Densen Fund-Edward Jones

Director's Report

- Staff: Sue has retired and plans to substitute as needed. Ongoing interviewing for this circulation position
- Federal/Local Updates:
 - The Melon Foundation has announced grants to the humanities and a grant should be going to NH Humanities Council
 - Federal Judge has temporarily halted the dismantling of the library services agency.
 - Federal budget has been zeroed out for 2025, so libraries are continuing to monitor this.
 - HB666 Inexpedient to legislate. New amendments presented today to add this back to the state budget.
 - NHLA has been sending updates of bills they are tracking at the state level

Old Business

- Sign Update: final installation hopefully to be completed at the end of this week.
 - Mr. Tom Tombarello provided electrical work, Mr. Artie Genualdo and the highway department provided digging services and will do the final installation. Mr. Hans Nicolaisen installed the concrete pad.
 - Friends of the library provided support for the purchase and installation of the sign.
 - Special commendation for Trustee Aubin for her coordinating efforts in bringing the new sign to the Library.
 - Plan to recognize community entities who have been involved on a sign message.

New Business

- Ramp lip safety concern: Director will review at town joint loss meeting. What are the options to fix this issue?
- Updates from NHLTA: 1st public library in the country in Peterborough, NH (1833)
 - 234 community libraries
 - 1st and oldest state library association
 - Space for all ages
 - Current Issues Facing NH Libraries:
 - Censorship: loud and quiet (not even bringing books into the library), misinformation, book banning
 - Loss of federal and state funding
 - Increased prices
 - Increased community needs
 - Artificial intelligence changes
 - Director Bergholm attended a learning session on the development of a building plan
- Alternate Trustee Keif continues work on the history of the Sandown Pubic Library. 2024 marked the 50 year anniversary of the building. Celebrated opening in March 1974. Plan will be to include this research and information on the website. Community member Sue Dupouy mentioned that the historical society has a box of library pertinent materials to share.

Adjournment: 7:20 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: June 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Tiney, Secretary