

**WOLCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR THE LIBRARY RENOVATIONS
REGULAR MEETING
LOWER LEVEL OF THE LIBRARY
June 22, 2026-7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Chairman Bill O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill O'Brien, Janet Tynan, Cory Lagasse, Crystal Caouette, Ron Gambino & Bill Conant

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Guerrero

ALSO PRESENT: Library Director Matt Earls, Municipal Finance Officer Susan Hale & Architect Bob Gabalski from Lothrop Associates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon **MOTION** by Crystal Caouette, seconded by Ron Gambino, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 24, 2025

TAXPAYER'S TIME: No taxpayers came forward.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Different plan options and associated costs were distributed by Lothrop Associates this evening.

Upon **MOTION** by Janet Tynan, seconded by Crystal Caouette, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the Regular Meeting at 7:06 PM and go into the Special Joint Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees and the Building Committee for Library Renovations

**Special Joint Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees and the Building
Committee for Library Renovations
June 22, 2026-7:06 PM
Minutes**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill O'Brien, Vice-Chairperson Patricia Najarian, Lori Conant, Janet Tynan, Crystal Caouette, Susan Ouellette

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauresha Xhihani, Regina Lynch, Susan Ouellette, Tory Davis & Dawn Bertrand

ALSO PRESENT: Library Director Matt Earls, Municipal Finance Officer Susan Hale, Bill Conant, Cory Lagasse, Ron Gambino & Architect Bob Gabalski from Lothrop Associates

Mr. O'Brien advised that the approval of September 8, 2025, minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees and the Building Committee for Library Renovations was put on the Agenda in error they have already been approved he just needs to sign the minutes.

Status of reapplication for State Library matching grant for the library addition/renovation:

Chairman O'Brien provided an update on the status of the library renovation project. He explained that the library had received an extension to obtain approval for the proposed changes. After re-submitting the required paperwork, the application was rejected by the State Library. The State Library advised that we could either withdraw and resubmit the application or leave it as it, in which case it would be ineligible to reapply for six years.

The decision was made to withdraw the application. The library must notify the State Library of its intent to reapply by June 30th and submit a new application by September 1st. The State Library Board is scheduled to review the application in November, and hopefully it will be approved.

Presentation by Lothrop architects regarding proposed library addition/renovation design changes:

Mr. Gabalski came forward and gave a lengthy presentation on the different designs and costs. **(full presentation attached)**. A question-and-answer period followed.

Motion to go into Executive Session: They did not go into Executive Session

Upon **MOTION** by Lori Conant, seconded by Crystal Caouette, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn at 8:42 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Amaral, Secretary

Approved: _____
William O'Brien, Chair

