

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LOWER LEVEL OF THE LIBRARY

January 5, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

NOTE: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in the Commission Secretary's office in the Town Hall

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at: 7:03

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson; William O'Brien, Janet Tynan, Dawn Bertrand, Sue Ouellette, Pat Najarian, Regina Lynch, Lori Conant and Crystal Caouette.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauresha Xhiani

ALSO PRESENT: Library Director; Matt Earls

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 1, 2025

MOTION: made by Crystal Caouette to accept December 1, 2025, minutes, seconded by Lori Conant, all in favor, no one opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

Taxpayer's Time: No one came forward

Correspondence and Communications: There was none

Friends of the Library Report:

Mrs. Tynan reported the following:

- Took the decorations down from the Christmas holiday.
- Renewed the passes for The New Britain Museum of American Art and the Beardsley Zoo.
- Book sale collection, Sat. April 11th from 10:00-12:00, Book sale, April 23rd and 24th, 12:00-6:00, April 25th, 10:00-2:00.
- Received an overabundance of DVD'S and CD" s
- Wednesday February 11th will be the next FOL meeting.

Library Director's Reports and Financial Report/Bills for November 2025

Matt Earls reported on the following:

- December was a bit quieter than most months due to the holidays, but still had several fun, seasonal events.
- The holiday cookie swap was a success.
- The Shoreline Ringers, a handbell group based out of Stonington, were on hand to play holiday classics and seasonal favorites.
- Matt has been working on the annual reviews with help from Megan.
- Social Media campaign has been greatly received.
- The budget has been turned in and awaiting review from the mayor.
- Hoopla had been discussed.

Committee Reports:

Programs: There were none

Facilities and Grounds: There were none

Finance and Budget: 2026-27 proposed budget status: Has been submitted.

Long Range Plan: update status

Personnel: There were none.

Technology:

Library Addition Renovations Committee: Did get the extension and will discuss more in executive session.

Old Business: Library Renovation and Construction of Addition-status

New Business:

Recommend Motion: “that board go into executive session”

MOTION: made by Lori Conant and seconded by Crystal Caouette “that board go into executive session” all in favor, no one opposed **MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment of Executive Session

Recommend Motion: “that board moves to come out of executive session”

MOTION: made by Crystal Caouette and seconded by Lori Conant “that board moves to come out of executive session” at 7:29 p.m. All in favor, no one opposed **MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: made by Crystal Caouette and seconded by Lori Conant to adjourn meeting. No one opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURN: 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Morrone, Secretary

William O'Brien, Chair
Wolcott Library Board of Trustees