

WOLCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 2, 2026 ---7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MONTHLY 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.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson; Bill O'Brien, Janet Tynan, Lori Conant, Sue Ouelette, Pat Najarian, Dawn Bertrand and Regina Lynch.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauresha Xhiani and Crystal Caouette

ALSO PRESENT: Library Director; Matt Earls

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: made by Lori Conant and seconded by Dawn Bertrand, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 2, 2026, all in favor no one opposed, **MOTION CARRIED**

Taxpayer's Time: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS: None

Friends of the Library Report: Mrs. Tynan reported:

- Tumble Books were cancelled and will be replaced by Tonie Box with characters.
- Giving out 4 reading awards worth \$100.00 gift card each for Barnes and Noble for Tyrell school 8th grade graduates selected by the reading teachers.
- Voted to support the summer reading. Going to be matching the grant of \$2000.00.
- A picture of Alex Nole, Plaque, will be put up.
- Next FOL meeting will be next Wednesday.
- Spoke about looking into ION bank, Janet will look into that but will be keeping TD Bank as it's the charity of choice. FOL have a good relationship with TD Bank.

Library Director's Report and Financial Report/Bills: Matt Earls reported:

- February was a good month; programming is doing great and keeping busy with the crafts.
- Tik Tok is working well, bringing more patrons into the library from it.
- Staff are keeping busy and doing a great job with all the work they have to do, multi-tasking.
- Digital navigator is doing well.
- Children's –The local robotics team will host Let's Make Stuff in March.
- Roof is leaking from all the snow and ice dams have formed.
- Need a quote from Wtby. Glass as a window is broken and needs repair. Money is there for it to be repaired.
- Discussed looking into having more volunteers needed to help with the extra preparation for crafts and help, girl scouts will be asked.
- The Kerry Boys will be on hand Thurs March 5th at 6:00 for some Irish favorites.

Committee Reports:

- **Programs:**
- **Facilities and Grounds:**
- **Finance and Budget:** Budget presentation to Town Council-TBD: Will be Tuesday April 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Long Range Plan:** Will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Personnel:** Annual reviews status: The evaluation form reviews were passed out to the board, and they will fill them out and be returned by weeks end.
- **Technology:**
- **Library Addition Building Committee:** State Library grant status update: Did receive a letter from the states librarian and will go over details on the continuing extension.

Old Business: None

New Business:

RECOMMEND MOTION: “that the board go into executive session”

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

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RECOMMEND MOTION: “that the board come out of executive session”

MOTION: made by Lori Conant and seconded by Dawn Bertrand **“that the board come out of executive session” at 7:50 p.m.** All in favor, no one opposed **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION TO ADJOURN: made by Lori Conant and seconded by Dawn Bertrand to adjourn meeting at **7:51 p.m.** All in favor, no one opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURN: 7:51

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Morrone

Secretary

William O’Brien

Wolcott Library Board of

Trustees