

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' MEETING

August 31, 2026

5:30 PM

PRESENT

David Hickernell, Chris George, Douglass Knight, Natalie Ducharme and Laura Stevens. David Hickernell called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

MINUTES

The minutes of July 28, 2026 were reviewed and amended. On a motion by Douglass Knight, seconded by Chris George, the amended minutes were unanimously passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 2026

Balances in Board of Trustees' accounts are as follows:

NH PDIP	\$68,144.32
Checking Account (Salem Co-op Bank)	\$12,045.70
Certificate of Deposit (Salem Co-op Bank)	\$12,013.97
Subtotal	\$92,203.99

Brock Trust Fund Interest Acct (Salem Co-op)	\$250.07
Subtotal	\$250.07

Total Board of Trustees' Funds \$92,454.06

There are 3 bills this month:

Center Point Large Print invoice in the amount of \$280.12

Cengage (Thorndike Large Print) invoice in the amount of \$552.75

Final payment to Furngully (Youth services circulation desk) in the amount of \$4,723.40

On a motion by Douglass Knight, second by Chris George, the trustees unanimously voted to pay the Center Point invoice (\$280.12).

On a motion by Douglass Knight, seconded by Chris George, the trustees unanimously voted to pay the Cengage (Thorndike Large Print) invoice (\$552.75).

On a motion by Douglass Knight, seconded by Chris George, the trustees unanimously voted to pay Furngully's (Youth Services circulation desk) final invoice (\$4,723.40). The trustees again thanked Martin Isaks for his generous \$10,000 donation that made the new Youth Services circulation desk possible.

OLD BUSINESS

The First Order of Old Business was long term paving projects.

Ms. Ducharme reported that the Senior Custodian preferred EJ Paving. EJ Paving has more experience with a wide variety of commercial projects.

NEW BUSINESS

The First Order of New Business was the 2027 budget.

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Ms. Ducharme reported that as of August 31, 2026, the Budget Committee has not set a goal for the town's 2027 budget. The library budget has a 2.3% increase (\$39,848). After reviewing and discussing the budget, Douglass Knight made a motion which Chris George seconded and the trustees unanimously voted for the 2027 budget of \$1,764, 013. The trustees reviewed the Budget memo for the Town Council and Budget Committee. On a motion by Douglass Knight, seconded by Chris George, the trustees voted to send the memo to both the Town Council and Budget Committee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Ducharme reported July has had the busiest month ever with 9,927 visitors and the incredibly popular Summer Reading Program has concluded.

TRUSTEE MATTERS

There were no trustee matters.

PUBLIC MATTERS

There were no public matters.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Trustees set the date and time for the next meeting:

-Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Douglass Knight, seconded by Chris George, the trustees voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:41PM.