

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 18, 2025 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Bruce Borofsky, Mary Holmes, Bruce Kennedy, Cheryl Littlefield, Karen Lord, Christina McAllister, Patti Rau, Peter Stevens; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: Cheryl Littlefield called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM and declared the Public Hearing open.

PUBLIC HEARING

Discussion about a policy for unanticipated funds.

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to accept unanticipated funds of \$7,000, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Patti Rau to accept 2 grants for \$10,000 each, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: 3:46 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes, seconded by Karen Lord. With the correction of one typo, the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Bruce Borofsky said he noticed that the Tech line was underspent but that the Heat line was over. He said we have not yet received the regular report from the accountant. Library Director Sloane Jarell said when the report is received, she will forward it to the Trustees.

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- Statistics: Similar to April; a little down in circulation. Sloane noted that due to some issues between book publishers and the chief supplier of library books, she had been purchasing some of the more popular new books from White Birch Books, where we have a discount, and even Amazon. Patti Rau suggested putting something in the library newsletter regarding possibly donating books to the library.

- Generator: Eastern Propane delivered the tanks and connected the line. On Friday they will test for leaks and fill the tanks, after which the generator will be connected.
- No date yet for installation of the water filtration system at the fire station.
- Sloane purchased a used filing cabinet. Christina McAllister suggested putting a note in the newsletter regarding donations of used office equipment.
- Next month will be busy with programs, including the Summer Reading Kickoff and the Summer Lego Program.
- Tonight is the Community Conversation regarding the ALA grant.
- Community Outreach: Denise attended the CLiF finale event at the elementary school and handed out information on our Summer Reading Program events, Bookmark Contest forms, and Lego Kickoff information.

GALLERY: Peter Stevens

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Book Sale on Saturday, June 21. Next program is Thursday, August 21: "The History of Purity Spring Resort," presented by John Sexton, in person in the Chick Room at 7:00 PM. (Co-sponsored by the Madison Historical Society.)

OLD BUSINESS

Investment Policy – Waiting for more information.

Update on Master Plan and Setting Our Goals: On as a placeholder.

John Filson: Remembrance Event, July 22 at 1:00 PM at the library.

NEW BUSINESS

Librarian Evaluation: Evaluation forms were distributed to Trustees to be completed and returned to the library, for discussion at the September meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sloane has informed the Selectmen of the request by PEG TV. She said she will start looking into grants to cover the work to be done.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Karen Lord to adjourn, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Next Meeting: July 23, 2025, @ 3:30 PM

Town of Madison
Board of Library Trustees Approved Minutes
June 18, 2025
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: July 23, 2025

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