

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2025 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Betty Fernandes, Cheryl Littlefield, Bruce Kennedy, Karen Lord, Christina McAllister, Linda Smith; Susan Lee, Friends of the Library; Sloane Jarell, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: Cheryl Littlefield called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 23, 2025, Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed 3-3-0, with 3 abstaining.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Treasurer Bruce Borofsky was not present. The board agreed that the drawdown looks good. There was a discussion about unanticipated funds. There was a question about circulation materials that was resolved after discussion

Motion by Karen Lord to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously and the report was accepted and filed for audit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- The Statistics look good; lots of people have been coming in this summer. It reminded Sloane of the way summers used to be.
- We are in the process of getting more estimates for the doors and should have them by the next meeting.
- We have three new computers coming in.
- The summer reading program is over; it went really well. Kids were excited about the prizes and they loved the activities.
- Due to a conflicting schedule, Touch a Truck was a bust.
- The summer volunteer was fabulous. She has now returned home for the school year.
- The Tiny Art show was superb. Sloane said the creativity of Madison residents is amazing.
- A reminder that tomorrow night's program is "The History of Purity Spring Resort," by John Sexton, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Madison Historical Society.

GALLERY: Artworks: Chocorua Creative Arts Center

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Susan Lee said we have now completed the generator installation and extended warranty. We have new stickers. The Friends' Annual Meeting is in October and we will be looking for a preliminary wish list. We are also looking for ideas for programs,

keeping in mind that funds may be cut back. The Friends have received a donation in memory of Gordon Cormack.

OLD BUSINESS

Investment Policy – waiting for more information

Update on Master Plan: Cheryl Littlefield said there was a joint meeting with the Planning Board and the North Country Council. She said no huge numbers of surveys have been turned in.

Librarian Evaluation: Sloane and Susan Lee left the meeting for the discussion of the librarian evaluation. Cheryl thanked all members for returning the surveys, which were all positive. Further discussion, including potential salary increases, will continue at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

HB 273: Relative to a parent's access to their minor child's library records: Sloane said this will go into effect January 1 and will affect all libraries. She said it puts us in a difficult position as we do not keep reading histories unless specifically requested. She said parents would need to log in to save their child's history. She said the Manchester Library is having their policy reviewed by an attorney and we are waiting to see what happens. She added that we need to make sure that the policies of all five of our libraries in the co-op are aligned.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Karen Lord to adjourn, seconded by Betty Fernandes. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2025, @ 3:30 PM

Town of Madison
Board of Library Trustees Approved Minutes
August 20, 2025
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose
Recording Secretary