

MADISON LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2025 @ 3:30 PM
JOHN F. CHICK ROOM
DRAFT MINUTES

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 17, 2025, Regular Meeting: Motion by Bruce Kennedy to approve the minutes, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed 7-0-2 with 2 abstaining.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Cheryl noted that the Budget Drawdown looked good. After a discussion regarding carryover funds, the board agreed that the budget overall looked good.

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

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Library Director Sloane Jarell:

- Statistics show that we've been busy. It has been great.
- We have received quotes for the carpet in the Chick Room and the Book Room. We will choose the colors from some samples. The Friends have offered to pay for this. Patti Rau suggested getting a quote from J&J in Redstone.
- We are waiting for parts to come in for the doors. Sloane explained how it would be done. She said she will get a building permit from the Town.
- We are busy with activities, including a Cybersecurity Screening tonight, as well as the usual weekly programs.
- Next week is One Book One Valley at the Majestic.
- The budget is due on October 23. There is a Selectmen's meeting on October 28 at 4:30 PM and a Budget Committee meeting on November 4. Sloane would like to have a Trustee attend the latter two meetings.

GALLERY: Friday Painters

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: The Friends Annual Meeting will take place on October 16 followed by "Art of the Harvest: Autumn" in the Chick Room. The final book sale until Christmas will take place on Saturday, October 18.

OLD BUSINESS

Investment Policy – waiting for more information

Update on Master Plan: Nothing new.

Librarian Evaluation: The board agreed to raise the Library Director's salary by 3%.

Motion by Bruce Kennedy to raise the salary of the Library Director by 3%, seconded by Karen Lord. The motion passed unanimously.

Bulletin Board Policy: Cheryl Littlefield said the policy put together by Sloane looked good. Sloane will put up a second bulletin board and said she thought there should be a policy for that board as well. Patti Rau had some editing suggestions.

Motion by Karen Lord to accept the Bulletin Board policy as amended, seconded by Bruce Kennedy. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Discussion: The cost of books was discussed. Patti Rau said she thought it was important for the public to be aware of how much it costs to purchase books. Betty Fernandes said there should be a written policy on investments.

Update on Baker & Taylor: Sloane said they are no longer in business.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Karen Lord to adjourn, seconded by Christina McAllister. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2025, @ 3:30 PM

Town of Madison

Board of Library Trustees Draft Minutes

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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose

Recording Secretary