

**Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, August 26, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Mendon Public Library**

**Approved**

**Present:** Tom Ochsenhirt (Vice-President), Katie Corey (Corresponding Secretary), Nipa Armbruster, Tom Dooley, Alicia Zysman-Cromwell

**Excused:** Mary McCabe (President), Alison Zero Jones (Treasurer),

**Others present:** Lyla Grills (Director), Cynthia Carroll (Town), Lisa Reniff (Recording Secretary), Mary Church (Pres.The Friends of the MPL), Danny Bassette

*Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Tom Ochsenhirt*

**Public Comment:** None

**The Friends of the MPL:**

Mary Church introduced herself as the new president of The Friends. She is a longtime supporter of the library and was previously on the steering committee for the new library building. Mary hopes to work collaboratively with the BOT for many years to come.

**Town Report:** (Cynthia Carroll)

- The Fall Festival in the Hamlet is on September 8th.
- The vegetation in the roundabout on 65 is the responsibility of the State. They recently signed over responsibility to the Town.
- The Town's September 23rd meeting was changed to September 30th.

**Approval of Minutes:** (Tom Ochsenhirt)

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2024, Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting as amended for a grammatical error.

Motion: Tom Ochsenhirt

Second: Tom Dooley

Unanimously Approved

**President Report:** (Tom Ochsenhirt for Mary McCabe)

Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Alicia Zysman-Cromwell for Alison Zero Jones)

The Financial Report of the MPL Board of Trustees was distributed for the August 26, 2024 regular meeting. The Library's account transfers, vouchers, and deposits were reviewed, as well as the Board of Trustee's account balances, deposits, and payments.

There was a large deposit representing the 90% of the NYS Aid for 2024-25 and a small grant.

There were also many checks written for the Summer Reading Program out of the BOT checking account.

Motion was made to accept the Financial Report of the MPL Board of Trustees for the August 26, 2024 regular meeting.

Motion: Alicia Zysman-Cromwell      Second: Tom Ochsenhirt      Unanimously Approved

**Corresponding Secretary:** (Katie Corey)

Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee:** (Alison Zero Jones)

Lyla submitted the new condensed version of the proposed MPL 2025 Budget.

**Policies Committee:** (Tom Ochsenhirt)

The Policy Committee has not met this month and has nothing to report.

**Long Range Plan Committee:** (Tom Dooley)

The Long Range Plan Committee & Foundation Formation Committee has not meet this month and has nothing to report.

**Director's Report:** (Lyla Grills)

The Library Director's Report was distributed and reviewed. The following items were discussed:

- Kelly wrote a report of the Summer Reading Program. The passport was a new format that was well received. 330 Children picked up the passport and close to 2,000 people attended the summer reading programs.
- A reminder was given about the need for the trustees to finish their 2 hours of training as required this year.

Motion was made for the BOT to spend up to \$100 for supplies for the Fall Picnic.

Motion: Alicia Zysman-Cromwell      Second: Tom Ochsenhirt      Unanimously Approved

- The sprinkler system is giving an error daily. The Town is in the process of fixing the problem with the sprinkler company.
- The next weeks will be focused on deciding on the AV components. It was decided that setting up a video conference set up in one of the study rooms was not necessary.
- A pictorial summary of the Summer Reading Program was shared.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Sustainability:** (Tom Dooley)

Tom did watch a video about this program. It costs a nominal amount to be certified as a Sustainable Library. They assign a mentor to help you with this process. Having the certification will show this community and the community at large the commitment that the library has toward sustainability. It will also gain enthusiasm of different people toward this topic.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Sale of Village Property:** (Katie Corey)

It was felt that it would be advantageous to write a letter to the Mayor of the Village with the BOT concerns regarding the sale of the land in front of the library. It was felt that it would be read in the Village Meeting and be in the record. Katie offered to write the letter.

**Public Comment:** No comment

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.