

Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Monday April 7, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Mendon Public Library

Unapproved

Present: Mary McCabe (President), Tom Ochsenhirt (Vice-President), Alison Zero Jones (Treasurer), Katie Corey (Corresponding Secretary), Tom Dooley, Alicia Zysman-Cromwell

Excused: Nipa Armbruster

Others present: Lyla Grills (Director), Cynthia Carroll (Town Liaison), Lisa Reniff (Recording Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Mary McCabe.

Public Comment: None

Town Report: (Cynthia Carroll)

- Stoney Lonesome closing and creation of a cul-de-sac is in progress.
- There were appointments made for the Town Assessor position, Zoning Board Attorney and Zoning Board of Appeals Member. Also approved the creation of the Athletic Fields Committee.

Approval of Minutes: (Mary McCabe)

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2025, Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting.

Motion: Tom Dooley

Second: Alison Zero Jones

Unanimously Approved

President Report: (Mary McCabe)

The elimination of federally funded ILMS was discussed. Monroe County received \$1.25 million from ILMS in 2024 which went toward staff training, construction grants and summer reading programs. The same year New York State received 12 million with another 8 million in grants. Some of the services across the state that are at risk are summer reading programs, high speed internet access, employment assistance access, braille and talking books distribution, tele-health spaces, summer reading programs, and administrative positions. Within MCLS, much of the funding comes from the county with the exception of state aid and construction grants. It is unclear if there will be any change in the State aid we receive or the cost shares cost in the MCLS system.

The Friends of the Mendon Public Library monthly meeting was attended. They spend much of their yearly earned money on programs and not much is available for the endowment. They have even taken

money from their savings for the programming supported. They are hoping to do next year's fund raiser in conjunction with the Board of Trustees. It was thought that an Ad Hoc committee will be formed for this purpose. The Friends are very supportive of the library.

Treasurer's Report: (Alison Zero Jones)

The Financial Report of the MPL Board of Trustees was distributed for the April 7, 2025 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.

It was noted that we received 10% of our State Aid, which was deposited.

The BOT accounts were recently reconciled and a report of the balances in the summer reading grant and the unrestricted grant was distributed.

Motion was made to accept the Financial Report of the MPL Board of Trustees for the April 7, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

Motion: Alison Zero Jones

Second: Mary McCabe

Unanimously Approved

The 2024 990N Federal Tax was filed on April 7, 2025 for the MPL BOT.

Corresponding Secretary: (Katie Corey)

A thank-you note was sent to Walter and Diane Jones for their donation. A letter was also updated with 2024 achievements of the library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: (Alison Zero Jones)

A committee meeting was sent for May 28th, 7:00pm to discuss the priorities of the 2025 budget and if the 2024 budget is meeting its goals.

Policies Committee: (Tom Ochsenhirt)

Collection Management Policy Draft was distributed and discussed. The main change involved adding a few questions to the challenge form to find out why a challenge is brought forward. A few word changes and removal of a sentence were found in the main text.

Motion was made to approve the MPL Collection Management Policy and the forms for reevaluation as revised.

Motion: Mary McCabe

Second: Tom Ochsenhirt

Unanimously Approved

Long Range Plan Committee: (Tom Dooley)

The minutes from the previous Long Range Plan Committee Meeting was discussed.

Motion: Tom Dooley Second: Alison Zero Jones Unanimously Approved

Sustainable Library Initiative Committee: (Tom Dooley)

Motion that the Board of Trustees spend \$300 to join the Sustainable Library Initiative.

Motion: Tom Dooley Second: Mary McCabe Unanimously Approved

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

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Public Comment:

None

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.