

MENDON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday October 6, 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), Alicia Zysman-Cromwell

EXCUSED: Tom Dooley

OTHERS PRESENT: Lyla Grills (Director), Cynthia Carroll(Town Liaison), Lisa Reniff (Recording Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Mary McCabe.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWN REPORT: (Cynthia Carroll)

- The 2026 Town of Mendon Tentative Budget was moved to a Preliminary status. The public hearing was set for Monday, October 20th at 7pm.
- The capital improvement district and fire protection district will have public hearings the same night, on Monday, October 20th at 7pm.
- A recycling event and rabies clinic are set for Saturday, October 18th at the Mendon Community Center.
- The Town Board approved the ARPA funds for improvements at Dreisbach Fields.
- The Town Board passed a resolution to adopt the Climate Smart Pledge. Chris Carosa will be the task force coordinator of the program. The nine-member committee has a mixture of people, including 2 town board members.
- There is a new four-way stop on Boughton Hill and 64. New York State will eventually put in a roundabout in that location.
- EV Solutions is the company that the Town is working with to get the charger operational.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Mary McCabe)

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2025, Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting with some corrections.

Motion: Mary McCabe

Second: Alison Zero Jones

Unanimously Approved

PRESIDENT REPORT: (Mary McCabe)

The Trustees were reminded that next month they should come to the meeting prepared to discuss which office they want to hold or what committees they want to serve on in 2026.

The president attended the last Friends meeting. They expressed concern about what would happen with the property in front of the library. They are also ready to go ahead with a fundraiser to celebrate the 15th year anniversary of the 'new' library building. Alison thought that January would be the worst month to try to raise funds.

There was a second round of interviews for the open trustee position vacated by Nipa Armburster. All applicants were well qualified and appropriate for the position.

Meeting was moved to executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter at 7:28pm by Mary McCabe and seconded by Tom Ochsenhirt.

Meeting was moved back to regular session at 7:34pm by Mary McCabe and seconded by Tom Ochsenhirt.

A motion was made to appoint Katie Ghidiu to the Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees to fill the remainder of a term ending December 31, 2026.

Motion: Mary McCabe

Second: Tom Ochsenhirt

Unanimously Approved

Mary will reach out to Katie Ghidiu to let her know about the decision. Mary will also inform her about the orientation and oath of office at the town hall. The other applicants will also be contacted about the decision.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Alison Zero Jones)

The Financial Report of the MPL Board of Trustees was distributed for the October 6, 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.

A review of the transfer of funds within the MPL budget to different budget lines was held.

Motion was made to accept the Financial Report of the MPL Board of Trustees for the October 6, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion: Alison Zero Jones

Second: Mary McCabe

Unanimously Approved

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES REPORT: (Katie Corey)

A thank you note for an unrestricted donation was sent out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee: (Lyla Grills)

As earlier stated, the 2026 Town of Mendon Tentative Budget was moved to Preliminary status at the Town meeting.

Policies Committee:

A discussion was held regarding the draft MPL Programing Policy.

A motion was made to approve the MPL Programing Policy as amended.

Motion: Mary McCabe Second: Tom Ochsenhirt Unanimously Approved

Long Range Plan Committee:

No Report.

Sustainable Library Initiative Committee: (Lyla Grills for Tom Dooley)

Lyla met with staff and assigned different tasks appropriate to their interests. These tasks will fill in many items for the SLI.

Another SLI item involved access to fresh vegetables. It was felt that the library could use some of the remaining teen grant funds for the procurement of a grow tower. With the help of our new Librarian Trainee and our teen volunteers, we will use this to develop a program and towards SLI items.

Another Monroe County Library, Gates Public Library, is joining SLI.

Katie will edit the policy for Sustainable Library and distribute for the next meeting. The vote on the MPL Sustainable Library Policy will be tabled until next meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORT: (Lyla Grills)

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

- Lyla attended many training courses, including a Town Hall which numerous other staff attended as well about selecting a new ILS system in 2027.
- National Friends of the Libraries Week is coming up. It was suggested that the BOT recognize the Friends with a donation of a book and a book plate for each person.

A motion was made to approve the expenditure of up to \$250 of the BOT funds toward purchasing books that will include nameplates honoring the Friends of the MPL Library.

Motion: Mary McCabe Second: Alicia Cromwell Zysman Unanimously Approved

- The meeting with CauseWave will happen via Zoom on October 8.
- There is a current display honoring Banned Books Week.
- A long-time distributor of books, Baker and Taylor, is going out of business. MPL also has an account with Brodart.

- The High School open house was attended by Emily E.
- Visits were slightly down. It was in line with other libraries.

NEW BUSINESS

National Friends of the Library Week:

This item was discussed earlier.

OLD BUSINESS

Teen Grant Fund:

As discussed earlier, the grow tower is a possibility. Another item was having a vinyl record collection that could be circulated.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.