

**MENDON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday January 5, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Mendon Public Library**

Unapproved

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

EXCUSED:

OTHERS PRESENT: Lyla Grills (Director), Lisa Reniff (Recording Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 6:59pm by Alicia Zysman-Cromwell.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWN REPORT: None

Lyla and Tom O. met with the new Town Supervisor, Joe Alati, on December 23. He plans to attend the February 4th BOT Meeting. Rebecca Kreuzer may be appointed to be the liaison to the library at their organizational meeting tonight.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (Alicia Zysman-Cromwell)

A consent agenda will be provided ahead of time for the trustees. This will allow them to approve items with a single motion that do not necessarily need discussion. This would include the minutes and other items of routine matter.

A motion was made to approve, using the consent agenda format.

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

A motion to approve the consent agenda for January 5, 2026.

Motion: Alicia Zysman-Cromwell Second: Katie Ghidiu Unanimously Approved

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Alicia Zysman-Cromwell)

Nothing to Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Mary McCabe)

The Financial Report of the MPL Board of Trustees was distributed for the December 23, 2025 End-of-Year Meeting and the January 5, 2026, Regular Meeting. The library's account transfers, vouchers, and deposits were reviewed, as well as the Board of Trustees' account balances, deposits, and payments.

There was a review of the transfers of funds, all within the 2025 MPL budget, to different budget lines.

Motion was made to accept the Financial Report of the MPL Board of Trustees for the December 23, 2025 End-of-Year Meeting.

Motion: Mary McCabe Second: Alison Zero Jones Unanimously Approved

Motion was made to accept for the December 23, 2025 End-of-Year abstract for vouchers 2025-208 through 2025-228 for a total of \$10,630.03.

Motion: Mary McCabe Second: Alison Zero Jones Unanimously Approved

Motion was made to accept the Financial Report of the MPL Board of Trustees for the January 5, 2026, Regular Meeting with the payment of vouchers 2026-01 to 2026-03 for a total amount of \$1,335.94, noting that voucher 2026-03 is for National Grid.

Motion: Mary McCabe Second: Tom Ochsenhirt Unanimously Approved

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Katie Corey)

Nothing to report. Will write a than-you note to Lynn Minderman and Douglas Hamlin for their donation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee: (Lyla Grills)

The chair will be Mary McCabe. The other members will be Katie Ghidiu, Alison Zero Jones and Alicia Zysman-Cromwell.

Mary will set a meeting for May of this year. There will be information sent out to the members regarding the 2025 end of the year reports and the NYS Annual Report.

Policies Committee: (Alison Zero Jones)

The chair will be Alison Zero Jones. The other members will be Mary McCabe and Tom Ochsenhirt.

The Sustainable Library Policy should be combined with the Library Procurement Policy. The 2026 committee will work on this first.

Long Range Plan Committee: (Tom Dooley)

The chair will be Tom Dooley. The other members will be Katie Corey and Katie Ghidiu.

No Report. A meeting will be planned for January.

Sustainability Committee: (Tom Dooley)

The chair will be Tom Dooley. The other members will be Katie Corey, Tom Ochsenhirt and Alicia Zysman-Cromwell.

Tom sent out notes from the December meeting via email. The committee is working on action items for Section A. It was noted that a sustainability celebration is needed according to SLI. It was thought that this celebration could be connected to Earth Day programming on April 25, the date of the Environmental Fair at Harry Allen Park.

Personnel Committee: (Lyla Grills)

The chair will be Alicia Zysman-Cromwell. The other members will be Katie Corey, Mary McCabe and Alison Zero Jones.

The goal is to have the personnel committee meet in the early spring.

DIRECTORS REPORT: (Lyla Grills)

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

- Programming was in full swing in December and included a Pete the Cat visit and HFFD Christmas Parade and a puzzle tournament.
- MPL had the highest library number of library visits in 2025 in at least 9 years.
- The Friends held a meeting on December 11th and Mary Church provided dinner at a pre-meeting at which some members discussed an Annual Appeal letter.

NEW BUSINESS**Conflict of Interest:** (Lyla Grills)

A form was distributed for the Trustees to sign regarding any conflict of interest.

Furniture Refinishing: (Lyla Grills)

Lyla received a quote for refinishing table and glue/reupholster chairs from a local company. It will be around \$4,000.

Motion was made to approve up to \$4,500 for the refurbishment of the Tichenor table and chairs from the Board of Trustees account.

Motion: Mary McCabe Second: Tom Ochsenhirt Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm.

Motion: Alicia Zysman-Cromwell

Second: Katie Corey

Unanimously Approved