

MENDON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday March 2, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Mendon Public Library

Approved

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

EXCUSED: Tom Dooley (Vice-President)

OTHERS PRESENT: Lyla Grills (Director), Lisa Reniff (Recording Secretary), Rebecca Kreuzer (Town Liaison), Danny Bassette (Public)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Alicia Zysman-Cromwell.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWN REPORT: (Rebecca Kreuzer)

- The newly elected town administration, Joe Alati, Tanner Creek and Rebecca Kreuzer, went to a training in NYC. This was an opportunity to learn about budgeting and grant opportunities.
- The supervisor is generating a plan of the 5-6 projects underway that includes the sidewalk extension project and Stoney Lonesome Road closure.
- Tanner and Kimberly Roberts are in the process of an audit of the Town Budget this month.
- The Climate Smart Communities Task Force is looking at areas of cooperation.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (Alicia Zysman-Cromwell)

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda for the March 3, 2026, Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting which included the following items:

- Agenda for March 3, 2026, Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
- Minutes for February 2, 2026, Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
- Approval of the 2026 FFRPL Grant Agreement
- 2025 Annual Report to the Community

Motion: Alicia Zysman-Cromwell Second: Alison Zero Jones Unanimously Approved

PRESIDENT REPORT: (Alicia Zysman-Cromwell)

Lyla can now access the M&T Bank Accounts for the BOT along with the treasurer and president allowing easy access to bank statements.

A survey was sent out to the board and staff and at this point 6 board members and 8 staff have responded. The policy committee will meet to discuss Lyla's review and compensation on Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 7pm.

A Motion was made to approve the Sustainable Library Purchasing Policy as amended.

Motion: Alicia Zysman-Cromwell

Second: Alison Zero Jones

Unanimously Approved

Long Range Plan Committee:

The Long-Range Planning Committee did meet and talked about the focus groups and how to choose the population. Rebecca has expertise in this area and would be willing to help.

Sustainability Committee: (Katie Corey)

Everything has been discussed previously.

DIRECTORS REPORT: (Lyla Grills)

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

- The NYS Annual Report for 2025 is not completed. This is due in large part to Baker and Taylor out of business and making some of their summary software unavailable. Lyla is also looking for information from the town.
- The library is starting a seed library. Staff, Deb Donahue and Lori Mungo, have been put in charge of creating a seed library.
- Matt Filipski is applying for a grant to create an environmental film festival.
- The stats for the libraries within MCSL show Mendon Library up 8% over last year and the highest increase in MCSL for January.
- There are a few dates for trustee training coming up and Trustees are encouraged to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

WNY Rural Library: (Lyla Grills)

The Ralph C. Wilson Foundation is giving out half a million dollars over the next 3 years to libraries in Western New York. MCSL is putting together a group grant with its rural libraries with Mendon included. The application is due at the end of this month with priority toward group projects. Lyla submitted an idea for a story walk. The MPL can apply for this separately in subsequent years.

Youth Employment: (Lyla Grills)

The Monroe County Youth Bureau and Rochester Works has a grant to hire disadvantaged students to work for the summer and through the year. Lyla did send in an application for shelving and program assisting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.