

**Walpole Town Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 13, 2026**

Present: Kathy Nerrie (Treasurer), Gail LaHaise, Susan Johnson, Bill Ranauro, Sarah Mann, Erin Bowen, Jana Sellarole, Jean Kobeski (Recording Secretary), Jane Malmberg (Library Director)

Absent: Amy Howard (Chair)

Susan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library.

Approval of Minutes: Gail moved to accept the November minutes as written. Bill seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy reported that our 12-month CD came due and she reinvested the money plus interest in a 6-month CD because the interest rate was better.

Bills: Jane said she renewed the movie license which is the only bill that is not paid monthly. The reset of her report reflects the usual monthly bills. Jean made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bills. Gail seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Long Range Planning: The board decided to table this discussion until Amy can be present for the discussion.

Circulation Policy: Trustees received a draft of the policy prior to the meeting. Kathy suggested we change the non-resident paragraph to state that non-residents include anyone who does not live or own property in Walpole. Individuals who live or own property in Walpole are eligible for library cards. Jane said she would make that clarification and resend the policy to the trustees.

Now that the policy for sharing a patron's reading history is complete, Jane will put it on the library website.

Gail made a motion to accept the library circulation policy. Kathy seconded and all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Employee Appreciation: The reception is this Friday from 5-7 p.m. Jane has had responses from 23 staff + ones. All trustees will bring appetizers. Kathy will bring paper products and beverages. Susan will provide table linens; Jean will wash them afterwards. Kathy, Susan, and Jana are on set-up; Jean and Erin will do the clean-up.

Scholarship: Bill and Gail met to review criteria and how to award the money. After a brief discussion it was decided that the money should be given to the guidance office, which will forward it to the bursar's office of the recipient's chosen college prior to the first semester. The amount of the award was raised to \$2,000 this year.

New Business: Jane announced the public budget hearing on February 5 at 5:00 in Town Hall. Snow date will be February 12.

Kathy, Erin, and Susan need to sign up between January 21-29 to have their names put on the March ballot to run again for Library Trustee.

Operations:

North Walpole Stats: Jane reports that North Walpole statistics are down because we are losing patrons. Julie is doing all she can to boost numbers; she is going to try Friday morning crafting.

Lego League: Steve Dalessio has proposed starting a branch of a national Lego League at the North Walpole School. It would include programming Legos and competitions. Julie would lead the group with support from the American Precision Museum of Windsor, VT. Details are being worked out; it would start in August.

Programming: Attendance is up for many of the adult programs in the library and more outside groups are using the library for their events.

Jane reported that the library is partnering with the Historical Society to present a special program featuring Ken Burns' *American Revolution* as part of America 250 celebrations. They have applied for a grant from the NH Humanities, which will pay for a facilitator to lead discussion and answer questions.

River Valley Tech criminal justice students are coming to the library on January 26 right before knitting group to present a program on scams and scam prevention.

Sarah suggested the library create events on Facebook that people can respond to.

Buildings and Grounds: We are still looking for someone to take care of the railing on the ramp. Susan suggested Troy Tucker of Tucker Fabricating in Munsonville. She gave Jane the contact information.

Technology: The library purchased 2 new Chromebooks.

Friends of the Library: The Friends will meet in March.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Gail moved that we adjourn the meeting. Erin seconded and all voted in favor. Susan adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be February. 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Kobeski, Recording Secretary

** These minutes are in draft form until approved at the February 10, 2026 meeting.