

Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library
Trustee Board Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library. Attending were Library Director Jane Nikander, trustees Nikki Andrews, Ron Brown, Arlene Laurenitis Alison Meltzer, Molly Shanklin, Lynne Stone, Mary Ellen Brookes, and alternate trustee Bill Langille. Alternate trustee Peter Howd was absent. Sue Putnam of the Friends came to report on their activities. Eric Jussaume and Lisa Tourangeau of Cambridge Trust were guests.

Eric and Lisa gave their usual careful and complete report on finance and its application to the library's portfolio. We thank Cambridge Trust for the care shown.

Minutes - 9/20 approved (Molly, Nikki)
9/20 sealed minutes approved (Ron, Molly)

Treasurer's report - approved (Alison, Ron)

Molly gave each trustee a copy of the budget for 2025. She and Jane will meet with our Budget Committee representative Sara Spittel at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 24. Molly will present our budget to the Budget Committee on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Director's report - approved (Lynne, Nikki)

The library is again working with the town's Hallowe'en candy collection.

Board business

The Treasurer search continues. Several possibilities were mentioned.

Mary Ellen retired from the board. Nikki volunteered to serve as secretary after the October meeting.

Facilities

Waterline -The workers found more ledge than anticipated which caused slowing of the project.

Roof - the roof is the next capital project (2026). In the meantime, John Green will keep the roof safe.

Old business

1. The plaque for Felice is in place.
2. The Covid policy discussion will occur during the November meeting.
3. Arlene suggested resuming the plan of a book challenge practice since we have a clear policy. We will plan on input from Peter on Covid and book challenge policies.

New business

1. Sue has received the Friends archives. She and Lynne will read them to decide what needs to be saved.
2. The Friends will sell cider and s'mores at The Haunting.
3. Moved by Ron and seconded by Bill: **that Mary Ellen Brookes be named a trustee emeritus.** The motion passed.

The meeting ended at noon. (Molly, Lynne)

The next regular meeting of the trustees is scheduled for Friday, November 15 at 8:00 a.m. at the library.

Mary Ellen Brookes 9/18//24