

TOWN OF NEWBURY



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INCORPORATED 1778

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PRESENT:

TRUSTEES

Todd Mailly
Jeanne Palleiko
Sharon Stockel
Paul Sullivan
Lynne Tuohy

ALTERNATE

Alicia Zanderigo

STAFF

Lea McBain
Paulina Shadowens

PUBLIC

Betsy Courant
Patricia Sherman
Carey Sullivan

Meeting started at 5:01 pm

1. Welcome: Role Call/ Approval of the Agenda-Paul Sullivan had no changes to the meeting agenda
2. Approval of the 2/16/2025 Minutes –**Motion to accept by Jeanne Palleiko, Todd Mailly seconds, 5-0 to accept.**
3. Public Input

3.1 Foundation Annual Joint Meeting

Paul Sullivan thanked the foundation members for their time, effort and work. The Foundation reported that they are still receiving donations throughout the year. Jeanne Palleiko indicated that The Foundation will pay for the irrigation system. The selectboard has already approved the library having an irrigation system installed. Lea McBain said that there is a quote from Blue Sky Irrigation. The quote is in two stages. However, they would like to complete the both stages at the same time. The cost for the front of the library is \$4,250, the back would be \$1,450 starting the work in the fall of 2026. There was discussion regarding having the work completed in the spring 2026. Everyone agreed that there needs to be more clarification on time installed, well capacity with gallons per minute. Todd Mailly will work with Tim Gove on the questions both The Foundation and library trustees still have. Jeanne Pallieko will get in touch with a person that wants to donate a gift in memory of her mother.

Eversource will be doing an assessment of the older part of the building next month.

4. Reports-

- 4.1 Director's Report- Lea McBain indicated that the gap for checking out books from 2024 to 2025 is closing. Lea McBain and Jeanne Pallieko will attend a budget meeting tomorrow with the budget committee. Lea McBain shared concerns regarding the closing of a book vendor Baker and Taylor that our library has used and has applied for a new account with another vendor Brodart and Bibz. There have been supply issues over the past months, an example is 200 books were ordered and only three received. HB273 that deals with guardians having access to minor library records will go into effect January 1, 2026. Our board is sending the Attorney General a letter dated 10/14/2025 seeking clarification on provisions of HB273.
- 4.2 Treasurer's Report- Jeanne Pallieko reported that 71.3% of the yearly budget has been spent. In June we paid Northeast Document Conservation Center \$2,428.34. Money will be moved from the Unger account into the library account to cover this expense. **Paul Sullivan made a motion to accept \$262.23 in unanticipated income, seconded by Todd Maily, 5-0 to accept.** Budget for the library was discussed, there has been an increase to the heating, cooling, cleaning and technology (the new website needs to be ADA compliant). The new budget would be \$334,584.50 if an adjustment needs to be made, we could do so till December. **Motion to accept by Jeanne Pallieko, Todd Maily seconds, 5-0 to accept.**
- 4.3 Friends's report- An letter will go out to all residents of Newbury seeking donations. The Fells has approved a donation of a wreath for Christmas at the Fells. There was a gathering at the Hookset Library for the Friends. The Friends may reach out to the Abbott, Tracey Memorial and Brown Memorial Library to organize a sharing of information. The Library of Things is getting a radon and metal detector.
- 4.4 Legislation- The board discussed many of the questions from a letter from the Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources State Library. Sharon Stockel and Lea McBain will work on writing a policy regarding this new law.
5. Old Business- we still need to work on a plan for planting in the rear of the library
6. New Business- None
7. Adjournment (Next meeting 11/18/2025)- **Jeanne Pallieko made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lynn Tuohy, 5-0 to accept**

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm

Minutes submitted by Sharon Stockel, Secretary