

## **North Hampton Public Library - Board of Trustees**

### **Public Meeting Minutes North Hampton Town Hall 231 Atlantic Ave, North Hampton, NH 03862 Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 6:30 PM**

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#### **1. Call to Order by the Chair**

Meeting called to order by chair, S. Leonardi at 6:30 pm immediately followed by the pledge of allegiance.

#### **2. Administrative**

##### **2.1 Approval of March meeting minutes**

Motion made by K. Kilgore to accept the March meeting minutes as presented, S. Leonardi seconded. Vote: 3-0, motion passes.

##### **2.2 Library reports**

L. Herold presented the library director's report.

#### **Director's Report**

##### **Facilities**

- There is a light bulb out in the cafe area that George and Mike are taking care of, they have a call out to Longchamps
- Capital Fire Protection came out to inspect sprinkler system on Thursday, April 3
- Interior handicap door needed some maintenance, so Door Control Inc. came out to take of
- Aquarion came out on March 24 to check water meter
- George talked to me about power washing the building, will get a quote to me
- Going to schedule carpet cleaning for the beginning of May

##### **Operations**

- Most circulated books in March was Three Days in June by Anne Tyler
- The library had 2,309 visitors in March with 137 public computer users
- 14 new patrons signed up for library cards
- Meeting room use in March 34 reservations, 43 library programs, 97 drop-in use of rooms.
- Total circulation (digital and physical) for March was 3,749. Digital materials streaming accounted for 35% of circulation.
- The library hosted a Family Place Libraries Networking event on Wednesday, April 2 that hosted librarians from Pelham, Derry, Dover and Vermont.

##### **Financial**

- TDBank Operating account ending balance \$ 68,755.29
- TDBank Non-appropriated account ending balance \$ 57,531.31
- M&T Bank account 8667 ending balance \$ 14,171.79
- M&T Bank account 0790 ending balance \$

### **Programs**

- 16 people attended the Trailblazing Women Printmakers with author, Elena Sarni
- 16 people attended the exhibit reception for Photographer, Rick Dumont

### **Upcoming Programs**

- Songs of the Saco with John Perrault on Tuesday, April 15 at 6pm
- Visiting author series continues on Thursday, April 24 at 6pm with Dennis McCarthy and his book True Story of Thomas North
- Current exhibit is Rick Dumont

### **Ongoing Programs**

- Golden Fitness program first and third Thursday At 1pm-
- Wellness Book Club- 1st Monday of each month at 2pm-
- Hooked on Books- meeting fourth Thursday-
- The Genealogy club meets the second Wednesday evening of each month
- Classics book club third Monday afternoon of each month
- Mystery book club meets the second Thursday of the month
- Wednesday crafternoon, last Wednesday of the month drop in crafts

## **2.2 Youth report**

Youth Services Report - March 2025, Submitted by: Katy Wuerker, Youth Librarian

Unlike February, March was a very long month with no holidays off, so we were able to host 26 programs!

As always, Kai and Mel are doing a great job with their programs. Kai is seeing a growth in Monday Creators Club numbers, and Mel's numbers continue to be strong with new faces showing up every week to join the regulars.

The Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt was a huge success. We ran out of the 48 "Pot of Gold" prizes, and went through about 70 of the 96 Shamrock rubber duckies. It seems kids from ages 1.5 to 11 really enjoy doing the scavenger hunts, so it is definitely something we will continue to offer.

The biggest March success was twenty kids of various ages showing up to create their own Leprechaun Traps. Although the kids later reported that none of these traps successfully captured any leprechauns, they had a great time constructing and decorating the traps at the event. We will definitely do this again next year - and perhaps fairy houses as well.

I also started up the first month of Preschool Storytime - Music & Movement. It has been a wider range of ages than I expected (a bit on the younger side), but the folks that come seem to enjoy it and are happy we are offering something that is both on Mondays and let's the kids get the wiggles out without the distraction of the Creation Station room. I plan to continue to offer this on the first and third Mondays of the month throughout the spring and summer months as it is something easy to offer.

Overall, 174 patrons participated in 26 youth events in March 2025:

Program Age Group	# of Programs	# of Participants
Children's (Babies through 4th grade)	15	126
Teen (5th through 12th grade)	5	1
All Ages Youth Programs	6	47
Other Youth Events	0	0
<b>March Youth Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>174</b>

### 2.3 Financial report

Financial reports were submitted. Library spending right on budget thus far. Motion made by K. Kilgore to accept the library reports as presented, J. Brandt seconded.

Vote: 3-0, motion passes.

## 3. Old Business

### 3.1 Library Strategic Plan update/discussion

Trustees discussed results of survey and strategic plan formulated. Discussion as to how it would be distributed to the public. A mailed flyer was discussed as well as on-site report availability at the library and web page presence.

Motion made by K. Kilgore to accept the Strategic plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2030 as presented, J. Brandt seconded. Vote: 3-0, motion passes.

Thank you cards to go out to focus group participants. Work session schedule to set specific goals with regard to the strategic plan. **Meeting set for Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 4:30 pm.**

## 4. New Business

### 4.1 CIP member

It was discussed and agreed that J. Brandt would represent the library board of directors for the CIP committee. A future generator and possible the addition of solar panels were discussed for projects within the next 6 years. Exterior painting was also discussed as an item.

### 4.2 May Meeting Date

May meeting to be scheduled for 13 May immediately following the strategic plan work session.

#### 4.3 Summer meeting date adjustments

June meeting scheduled for 11 June 2025.

#### 4.4 New Hampshire State Library update

The board approved the reduction in funding statement to be posted on the website to keep patrons informed about funding cuts and possible services that will be impacted. Statement to be uploaded. \$1.4 Million in funds were reduced for library services.

#### 4.5 MOU

5.5.1 Recreation department. Discussion as to the development and review of a new MOU in light of new strategic plan. To be schedule and discussed during work session.

5.5.2 Friends An MOU with the Friends Group will also be discussed.

#### 5. Friends update

The friends are making progress with their scholarship award. They currently have 7 candidates. Six from Winnacunnet high school and on from another private school. All are North Hampton residents. The award will be announced on June 12.

The Friends Contra Dance has been scheduled to take place at Centennial Hall during Old Home Day. Rockingham county friends are hosting a library event.

#### 6. Public comment

No public comment\_

#### 7. Any Other Item that may legally come before the Board

Director's review was discussed and is to be scheduled.\_

#### 8. Next meeting/adjournment.

Meeting adorned at 7:41 pm