

The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library

March 10, 2026

North Hampton Library

In attendance: Rachel Robie, Deb Sillay, Cynthia Swank, Kim Glendon, Claire Larrabee, Donna Etela, Hope Miller, Carolyn Vinica, Marge Schreier, and Library Director Liz Herold.

Call to Order:

Co-President Rachel Robie called the meeting to order at 12:30.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes submitted from February 13, 2025 were approved after first motion, second motion and vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Claire Larrabee provided an update on the current balance. She mentioned we're waiting for the town to reimburse for the newsletter printing, so that will increase our balance once received.

Old Business:

Rachel Robie and Claire Larrabee have had two meetings regarding setting up a social media account. They talked about Facebook and how to get it started. There is an application available to help launch a Facebook page. They brainstormed potential posts so once the page goes live, they have posts ready to go. They also talked about sustainability - will be selective about posts.

It was discussed that there will be a new Friends email to replace the old email. It will be used for outside communication coming in to the Friends.

Deb Sillay provided a charitable gaming update. Deb has been having discussions with the contact person from Aces and Eights that will open at the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom in March. They have provided us with 10 dates in May. There is no partnership commitment in terms of advertising or working at the events. Deb added that profits may not be the same as in past years, but it is something.

Marge Schreier and Carolyn Vinica presented an extensive list of fundraising ideas from other Rockingham County Friends Groups. Of particular interest was The Fabulous Find in Kittery, ME. They visited The Fabulous Find and learned about their fundraising process. They shared the application. There is no application fee. A vote to submit an application to The Fabulous Find was approved after first motion, second motion and vote. Other take aways from the list were a shredding event and plant sale. Other ideas suggested included basket raffle, calendar raffle, yard sale and silent auction. Marge will contact Seacoast Soups to see if they offer community fundraising events. A brief discussion ensued about a silent auction being part of a Library event. It was suggested donations could be art items.

Rachel Robie provided a reminder to the group about pursuing an Annual Appeal business sponsorship if anyone knows of a business willing to sponsor the Annual Appeal. We should let the business know of the projected cost. Deb Sillay added that we can reach out to the North Hampton Business Association.

The scholarship committee will meet on April 20, 2026 to determine the recipient.

New Business:

National Library Week is April 19-25th. National Library Workers Day is April 21st. The Friends group is planning to provide breakfast throughout the day to the Library staff. Rachel Robie and Amy Choate will send an email to the group if anyone is interested in participating. Additionally, first motion, second motion and vote was made to approve spending \$240 for Seacoast Soups gift cards for 12 Library employees and \$75 for flowers to show our appreciation to the staff.

Next Meeting:

April 14, 2026

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes prepared March 17, 2026
by Kim Glendon