

## **The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library**

October 14, 2025  
North Hampton Library

Co-Presidents Rachel Robie and Amy Choate called the meeting to order at 12:30. In attendance were Deb Sillay, Cynthia Swank, Kim Glendon, Hope Miller, Carolyn Vinica, Donna Etela, Marge Schreier, Carol Seely, Library Director Liz Herold and Programming Librarian Emily Dolan.

### **Call to Order:**

Amy and Rachel called the meeting to order. They shared that the group would like to thank Deb and Cynthia for their many years of service and dedication to the Friends of NHPL. They presented cards, flowers and a buffet of treats as a gesture of appreciation for all they have done for the Friends of NHPL. Amy reminded the group there is no scheduled meeting in November due to Election Day.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Deb made a motion to approve the revised September minutes. Donna made a second motion. All voted in favor of the September 9, 2025 minutes.

### **Library Director's Report:**

Liz introduced the new Programming Librarian, Emily Dolan. She expressed that the Library is very excited to have her in this role.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Deb shared there was little activity the past month. She will try to get the financial report out with the agenda each month so people have a chance to look at it more closely, and it reduces paper use. Deb and Cynthia recently met with Citizens Bank. Deb now has full access. Quick Books has been linked to the Friends of NHPL Citizens account. A book keeper has been hired. She is charging \$50 per hour. She knows non-profit record keeping. She will do as little or as much as we need. She's flexible and economical. Carol Seely made a motion to approve the Treasure's Report. Marge made a second motion. All voted in favor of the Profit Loss Year to Date Comparison January 1-October 13, 2025.

### **Old Business:**

Nancy provided an update to the Co-Presidents prior to the meeting regarding the community newsletter and annual appeal. The newsletter will be in most mailboxes on October 15th and perhaps a few on October 16th. The annual appeal will be in most mailboxes on October 21st and perhaps a few on October 22nd.

### **New Business:**

Rachel and Emily shared that North Hampton School has proposed to hold a community book study and conversation on play based versus phone based childhoods. The book is called The

Anxious Generation by Johnathan Haidt. Emily shared a sample flyer about the book study. There will be three meetings scheduled from November to March. The school has asked if the Friends of NHPL could be involved by having our name placed on the flyer along with other community groups. The school believes this is about the entire community coming together in support of this important issue. Emily has reached out to Water Street books if people would like to purchase a personal copy since the program spans over the course of several months. They are offering a 20% discount if you indicate you are from NHPL. Rachel added that the book is written in different sections so you can attend a discussion for a particular section if you choose. Hope made a motion for the Friends of NHPL to support this community book study by granting permission to have our name included on the flyer. A second motion was made and all voted in favor of having the Friends of NHPL listed on the flyer as a supporting community organization.

**Next Meeting:**

December 9, 2025

Amy indicated to email either Rachel or her ahead of the next meeting if there's anything someone needs placed on the December agenda. She also offered a final thank you to Deb and Cynthia.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

Minutes prepared 10/15/25  
by Kim Glendon