

The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library

June 9, 2026

North Hampton Library

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

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes submitted from May 12, 2026 were approved after a first motion was made by Deb Sillay, a second motion was made by Donna Etela, and a vote was made.

Treasurer's Report:

Claire Larrabee provided a financial update and presented the statement of activity - YTD January to May 2026. She mentioned that a check to the trolley company was written in March but has not yet been cashed. She will ask Nancy to follow-up. Also, we have paid the Library based on the requests they have made thus far.

Old Business:

Deb Sillay provided a charitable gaming update. The May dates were cancelled due to the Memorial Day holiday, but they added two dates in September (18th and 19th). It is uncertain when we will receive the next payment since the dates have been postponed.

Amy Choate provided two updates sent to her from Nancy Monaghan. The scholarship night was held at WHS last week and the winner was Isabel Needham. Her essay recounted her connection to the Library during various stages of her life. She'll be attending the University of Connecticut. There were eight entries but one was disqualified as it was received past the deadline. There will be a short story in the community newsletter about the winner. The second update was about the trolley event. Registration is open for the trolley ride on Old Home Day. It was publicized in Friday Folders and in the upcoming Community Newsletter. There are no discounted tickets for children or seniors. Five people have signed up thus far. The sign up link is www.northhampton.recdesk.com.

Rachel Robie continued the discussion from last month about possibly changing our meeting time. A new meeting time of 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month was proposed. Rachel will send out an email with the new meeting time proposal for all to vote (via email). If the majority votes to change the time, the time will be changed beginning in August. The July meeting will remain at 12:30 p.m.

New Business:

Rachel Robie discussed the revised Funding Request Form. A discussion ensued about how best to amend the form so that it includes more detailed information about funding requests. Rachel will update the form again and email it to the group.

Amy Choate discussed sponsoring possible lunch/learn events such as those hosted by the Rye Friends. It could be a way to get more members. We would work with the Library to organize. Amy provided some examples of topics for such events. We will continue to explore/discuss in upcoming meetings.

Next Meeting:

July 14, 2026

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes prepared June 15, 2026
by Kim Glendon