

The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library

July 14, 2026
North Hampton Library

In attendance: Rachel Robie, Amy Choate, Cynthia Swank, Kim Glendon, Claire Larrabee, Donna Etela, Carolyn Vinica, Hope Miller, Marge Schreier, Nancy Monaghan, and Carol Seely.

Call to Order:

Co-President Amy Choate called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Amy shared two scholarship related notes. One from the recipient, Isabel Needham and one from William Boesch.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes submitted from June 9, 2026 were approved after a first motion was made by Nancy Monaghan, a second motion was made, and a vote was made.

Treasurer's Report:

Claire Larrabee provided a financial update and presented the statement of activity - YTD January to June 2026. She shared that the Fuller Foundation recently made a donation. Claire will write checks Nancy needs for the trolley company and narrator after she receives the amounts.

Old Business:

Amy shared that one person voted not in favor of an amended meeting time, one abstained from the vote, and the remaining members voted in favor of amending the monthly meeting time to 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. Amy offered an apology to Carol and hoped that she will be part of some subcommittees in the future.

Nancy Monaghan provided a trolley update with current sign-up numbers from the Parks and Recreation Department. Nancy needs a volunteer to assist her on the day of the trolley rides, August 8, 2026 from approximately 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Amy and Rachel shared the current status of the Friends of NHPL new Gmail account. It has been a long and challenging process to change the email account. The updated email address is on the Library's website and the Friend's Facebook page. Rachel monitors the new address. She also shared there are limitations with it and they are still exploring options.

Amy shared that the revised Funding Request Form was emailed to the group. There were no questions or concerns regarding the new form.

Amy shared that a subcommittee will form for the Friends Speaker Series idea. The Friends are hoping to put together a speaker series similar to the one sponsored by the Rye Friends. She asked if anyone is interested in joining her on this subcommittee. She is hoping it will be a good way to get community members involved by volunteering for the Friends or supporting the

Friends financially. Amy also invited the group to provide her with suggestions/thoughts even if they are unable to join the subcommittee. The series may run quarterly.

New Business:

Rachel discussed providing books again this year for North Hampton School incoming kindergarteners. She suggested the book *My New Friend Is So Fun!* by Mo Willems. The money has already been allocated for this expense in our approved annual budget. Rachel also said that pencils were given to NHS students at the event last year. Rachel and Hope shared that it might be better to have a Friends table set up outside the Kindergarten classroom door instead of outside on the playground as many kindergarteners missed stopping at the Friends table on the playground.

Claire Larrabee mentioned she will email the current annual appeal flyer to the group. A discussion about the flyer will take place at the August meeting to see if changes will be made for the 2026-27 appeal flyer.

Next Meeting:

August 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes prepared July 14, 2026
by Kim Glendon