

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

August 11, 2026  
North Hampton Library

In attendance: Rachel Robie, Deb Sillay, Kim Glendon, Donna Etela, Carolyn Vinica, Hope Miller, Marge Schreier, Carol Seely and Liz Herold.

### **Call to Order:**

Co-President Rachel called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes submitted from July 14, 2026 were approved after a first motion was made by Donna Etela, a second motion was made, and a vote was made.

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

Deb Sillay provided a Treasurer's update and reviewed the statement of activity - YTD January to July 2026. She shared we did not lose money with the trolley event. Also, the Fuller Foundation donation of \$1000 was deposited. The book keeper is continuing to check the numbers to be sure all is accurate.

### **Old Business:**

Rachel shared a trolley event update sent by Nancy Monaghan in advance of today's meeting. The event included perfect weather, full capacity on each trolley run, and Rob Southworth was a star narrator. Rob donated his \$250 fee back to the Friends of NHPL. Joe Manzi was instrumental in making the event run easily. The second trolley group received an unplanned personal tour of Union Chapel. Nancy also provided a financial report for the event. Revenue was \$935 and the trolley cost was \$479. The town will give us a check for the reservation revenue minus the fee charged for each transaction. She estimates this amount to be between \$120-\$180. Given the success of the event, the Friends would like to do it again next year in conjunction with Old Home Day.

A discussion ensued about updating the annual appeal flyer. Some suggestions included: possibly adding color print depending on cost, changing the flyer color, changing out old photos for new photos (trolley ride photo and a children's programming event photo), editing meeting time, including Facebook information, adding past awareness events, and minor editing of some wording. Rachel will discuss these suggestions with Claire. We will revisit at the September meeting.

Rachel provided the NHS back to school picnic update. Deb has plenty of pencils and erasers to be distributed to students stopping by the Friends table that will be set up outside. Rachel has the books. She checked with the school office to be sure there are no kindergarten siblings of first grade students since we are using the same book as last year. Rachel discussed having a table set up outside the kindergarten classrooms so we are sure to give each kindergarten student their new book with bookplate. She has already received permission from the school.

Rachel invited anyone from the Friends group who would like to join her to please do so on August 27th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Deb Sillay volunteered to attend. Rachel will also bring a chalk board stand in order to further advertise the Friends of NHPL.

### **New Business:**

Elections will take place at our September meeting.

Rachel asked for ideas about how best to thank Rob Southworth for doing a fabulous job narrating the trolley tour and generously donating his fee back to the Friends of NHPL. Some suggestions included: listing Rob and/or his family on the "in honor of" donation frame on display in the library, publicly thanking Rob via the town newsletter, Friday folder and Facebook, and a hand written note from the Friends signed by an officer.

Liz Herold shared they had a celebration to honor two staff members' recent accomplishments. She thanked the Friends who baked for the celebration.

Deb Sillay suggested sending agendas from the new gmail account if the account is ready to be utilized.

### **Next Meeting:**

September 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Meeting Adjourned.**

Minutes prepared August 11, 2026  
by Kim Glendon