

The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library

September 8, 2026
North Hampton Library

In attendance: Amy Choate, Rachel Robie, Claire Larrabee, Deb Sillay, Kim Glendon, Nancy Monaghan, Donna Etela, Carolyn Vinica, Marge Schreier, Cynthia Swank, Carol Seely and Liz Herold, Library Director.

Call to Order:

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

Elections:

Amy Choate shared that Kim Glendon has volunteered to be Secretary for one additional year since the position would otherwise become vacant as the two year Secretary term is expiring. A first motion was made by Claire Larrabee, a second motion was made, and all voted in favor to re-elect Kim to Secretary for one more year and another election will be held next September.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes submitted from August 11, 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:

Claire Larrabee provided a Treasurer's update. She discussed current charitable gaming proceeds. Deb Sillay added that our budget for the year does not reflect charitable gaming proceeds due to their uncertainty.

Old Business:

A discussion ensued regarding the NHS Back to School Picnic. The Friends of NHPL donated books to the Kindergarten students again this year. Eleven books were distributed to students at the picnic and the remaining thirteen books were given to the Kindergarten teachers to distribute later. Rachel Robie shared that our presence will always be at the picnic but perhaps the books will be given to the teachers to hand out in their packets since the students have limited time at the picnic.

Rachel Robie provided an update to the Annual Appeal printing quote after it was suggested at the August meeting that we switch to a color printed flyer. Nancy Monaghan received a quote of an additional \$145 for a color printed version. A discussion ensued about whether it would be best to change our signature color flyer this year given the number of political printed flyers being mailed this year. The group agreed to keep the same color flyer in order to distinguish ourselves. It was also discussed that we don't want the flyer to arrive on the same day as "junk mail." Claire will complete the changes suggested at the August meeting, the board will review, and the new flyer will go to Nancy Monaghan by October 12th.

Amy Choate provided an update regarding the meeting the board had with Reboot IT to help set up a new Friends of NHPL email along with a domain so the email access is easily transferrable to future officers. Deb Sillay further explained how it makes the most sense for succession and Rachel Robie added that it provides more accessibility. Reboot IT's non-profit rate is \$99 per hour. It is expected to take 3-5 hours. Claire discussed the current Treasurer's budget is more than adequate to cover the cost of this service, especially since our book keeper's cost is far less than planned.

Amy Choate provided a Friends Speaker Series committee update. The committee consists of Claire Larrabee, and Rachel Robie, and Amy Choate. Amy reiterated from past discussions that the whole idea behind it is to build awareness and to let people know what we do. Additionally, it will hopefully increase fundraising dollars. The committee suggested the idea of having Dr. Angela Lambert who is a naturopathic doctor from Portsmouth speak for one hour. Her cost is \$200. A discussion ensued about the proposed idea. Nancy Monaghan suggested there should be a line item for awareness next year, and which the group agreed. Donna Etela suggested having Friends of NHPL flyers on display at speaker series events in hopes of raising money. Kim Glendon made a motion, Claire Larrabee made a second motion, and all voted in favor of the Friends of NHPL to hold a speaker series. Donna Etela made a motion, a second motion was made, and all voted in favor to allocate \$200 for the November speaker series.

Nancy Monaghan provided a trolley tour update. Since the trolley tour was such a success we will sponsor it again next year. The event built awareness and provided goodwill. Claire Larrabee suggested setting up Chapel tours ahead of time, if possible. Nancy has already spoke to Joe Manzi, the trolley company and Rob Southworth. Nancy made a motion, a second motion was made, and all voted in favor of the Friends of NHPL to sponsor a trolley tour for Old Home Day on August 9, 2027.

New Business:

The group reviewed a funding request from Emily Dolan, Programming Librarian for Town by Town, Watershed by Watershed: Native Americans in NH presented by John Moody. He is an ethnohistorian and project coordinator of the Winter center for Indigenous Traditions. Emily states, "In this lecture, John focuses on the vast history of the local Abenaki and Penacook people that lived along NH's seacoast." Claire Larrabee made a motion, a second motion was made, and all voted in favor to approve this program as proposed by Emily Dolan.

Next Meeting:

October 13, 2026

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes prepared September 9, 2026
by Kim Glendon