

North Greenbush Public Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

Trustees Present:

Joan Behan
Delores Celeste
Peggy Derevlany
Jim Greenfield

Amy Hale
Jean Holmes
Kimberly Margosian
Ali Mariano
Mike Martinez

Trustees Absent:

Deborah Bernnard

Katie Myer

Also in Attendance:

Mary Klimack, Library Director

Robert Schofield, Esq.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. on September 25, 2025 by Delores Celeste.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Joan Behan, seconded by Mike Martinez, the minutes of the July meeting were approved unanimously.

Old Business

Building Committee

Wetlands Negative Jurisdiction

Our engineering firm, La Bella, received a Letter of Negative Jurisdiction from DEC on September 24. DEC has determined that the “parcel does not contain freshwater wetlands and/or freshwater wetland adjacent areas (AA) regulated by DEC.”

Lead Agency Declaration

Robert Schofield of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna discussed the Notice to Designate a SEQRA Lead Agency, which was distributed to the board prior to the meeting. This notice asserts the library’s intention to be the lead agency and provides involved and interested agencies an opportunity to comment or object. It will be sent to the appropriate agencies with the consent form, project narrative and other relevant documents as listed in the notice.

The resolution of intent to act as lead agency was prepared by our attorneys and presented to the board. The resolution was made by Mike Martinez, seconded by Ali Mariano, and unanimously approved.

Friends of the Library

The charcuterie board auction did not attract much participation. The Friends will include the boards in baskets during the spring.

Website Update

Mary Klimack is working with technicians at UHLS on the basic framework of the site (sandbox) and will notify the committee when ready for review and input. Libby Post will provide branding guidance.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

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Director's Report

July and August were very busy months, in part due to patrons from Troy coming to North Greenbush. Circulation increased significantly.

Hoopla is a budgeting issue and some libraries are discontinuing use. Our patrons find value in it, so we plan to continue offer Hoopla.

The written report is incorporated into these minutes by reference. A copy will be filed with the minutes.

Financial Reports

Financial reports were distributed to all trustees in advance of the meeting. Mary Klimack noted that the bookkeeper has been very helpful.

Upon motion by Peggy Derevlany, seconded by Mike Martinez, the financial reports were approved unanimously.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. upon motion by Peggy Derevlany, seconded by Amy Hale and approved unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Peggy Derevlany, Secretary