

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 8, 2026, 7 pm - Trustees Room, Milton Public Library

Attendees: Will Adamczyk, Jaime Levash, Chair, Hyacinth Crichlow, Susan Doyle, Ellie Fisher, John Folcarelli, Paul Hays, Kris Hodlin, and James Potter with Ryan Denny, Caleb Hayward, Hayden Murphy, and families present for presentation of Stackpole Scholarships

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PRESENTATION OF STACKPOLE SCHOLARSHIPS to Ryan Denny, Caleb Hayward, and Hayden Murphy
3. CITIZEN SPEAK: No comments
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Approval of May 6, 2026, meeting minutes
Moved by JF, seconded by KH; approved with HC and EF abstaining.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Review Committee assignments - Moved to September when Board has nine members
 - b. Report of the Building Committee
 - RFP delivered June 8. Consultant contract terminated with pay to be negotiated. KH will read RFP. Nick Milano offered to read RFP.
 - 488 Canton Avenue going on market. Price difference between new construction and buying property discussed.
 - Meeting to be scheduled over the summer possibly to discuss purchase of 488 Canton Avenue.
 - WA to get answer re: the possibility of Trustees owning property.
 - c. Report of the Equity Committee
 - September 10th Open House: Planning is coming along. Same night as MHS football opener. Food trucks confirmed and further details to be worked out in subcommittee.
 - Land acknowledgement final language will be presented in September.
 - d. Report of the Personnel Committee
 - Director's Evaluation: PH to send information to give WA evaluation.
6. CONTINUING BUSINESS

a. Library Director's Report

- Staffing Changes: Dianne Dunn retiring after 31 years. Trustees will give card and flowers. KH will obtain and Foundation will cover cost. Dianne has played a computer and technology role and Chris Callahan to assume role. Dianne's position will be replaced with fulltime circulation librarian. Need to fill parttime position with someone who can also serve as technology assistant.
- FY26 Budget Update: Any money that Town departments can save to help with snow and ice removal would be appreciated. Library might be able to turn over a little, but budget is tight.
- Union negotiation underway: Library union finishing first year out of contract. Minor chance negotiations go past July 1. Retropay will happen. Compared to other towns Milton is less comparable now than it was last contract negotiation. WA tries to do salary study re: MPL, though not all libraries have unionized workers and there are no state standards.
- State House Update: 2% state aid increase. Freedom to Read legislation back up with MLA starting campaign to reach out to House Ways and Means Committee.
- Building Updates: Stone wall maintenance, generator to be installed in late summer/early fall, HVAC system repaired by Consolidated Facilities.
- OCLN Migration: Numbers not in as reports not generated yet.
- Adult programming practically doubled since last year. The people running programming are very excited and eager to continue.

b. Communications & next steps with Library partners

- Friends update: Janet Evans (former trustee) will take over the running of the bookshop with Connie Spiros.

c. Strategic Plan Discussion

- Appointment of committee to write strategic plan to comprise Ellie Fisher, Jaime Levash, Sara Truog, Regan Mulcahy, Shannon Kwiatak, Paul Hays, Beverly Ross Denny, Sindu Meier, and Marianne LeBigot with Will Adamczyk as consultant.

Moved by JP, seconded by JF; approved unanimously.

- Next Steps: First meeting will likely be in July.

d. Discussion/Action - Current board vacancy

- On agenda for SB meeting on June 9. Needs a quorum. WA and JL wrote letters with recommendation of Marc Johnson. Sean Bentley posted departure.

e. Other

- Writer in Residence: Call out for applications. Kim McLarin sitting on search committee. One application so far with more usually coming in a few days before deadline. Over \$5K in support donated.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/Action - Stackpole Scholarship

- Trustee fund is depleted. PH proposes to use Foundation funds to increase scholarship amount and keep the scholarship going. PH to put together proposal for fall meeting.

b. ACTION - Staff Conference Request

- Tory Fiske requested funds to attend 2026 ALSC National Institute. WA shared that professional development opportunities reinvigorate staff and result in staff bringing back new ideas, innovations, and solutions.
- WA made recommendation for up to \$2K out of the General Fund to go toward TF's request.

Moved by KH, seconded by JF; approved unanimously.

c. Other new business: Friends Luncheon

- Request for \$500 from General Fund for Friends appreciation luncheon. WA to share date.

Moved by KH, seconded by SD; approved unanimously.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

a. Future Meetings: July & August (subcommittees); September 14, 2026 (board meeting)

b. Items for future meetings

- September is State of the Library. Strategic Planning Committee to schedule meeting.

9. ADJOURN

Moved by JF, seconded by HC; approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie W. Fisher

Secretary