

Hopkinton Town Library

Trustees Meeting

February 17, 2026

Attendees: Rose Jansen (Library Director), Sarah Chiappetta (Secretary), Sara Wheatley (Treasurer), Amy Stone (Chair), Katie Dillon (Corresponding Secretary), Cleve Kapala (guest), Ken Traum (guest)

The meeting was held in person at the library. Amy opened the meeting at 5:34 pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the January 2026 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to accept January minutes: Sara / Second: Amy / Vote: Unanimous.

Town Energy Committee Presentation: Cleve and Ken spoke to the trustees regarding the icicles on the library's roof. The icicles are an indication of heat loss. If the building is insulated well, then the building should not have a lot of icicles. Eversource gives energy audits. Eversource did give the library an audit many years ago. In 2011 someone came in to discuss the icicle issue, and the library increased insulation in the attic. Before the fire in 2018 there were conversations about more insulation and other energy saving measures, but then the fire happened and it was postponed. In winter of 2019 the Trustees added additional insulation and other energy saving measures to the library. The town can have Clean Energy NH come and do a study which may help with energy loss. The Trustees discussed the heat loss from the windows, especially in the community room. Patrons have complained about the drafts in the community room. We hope that any sort of energy audit would provide us with more information concerning the heat loss through the library's older windows. Amy then discussed the wish to install solar panels, and explained the grant and potential funding with Cleve and Ken. Cleve and Ken will talk to Clean Energy NH on the library's behalf.

After Cleve and Ken left, the Trustees discussed the mission of the Town Energy Committee, and also how we could possibly pay for any changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The trustees reviewed the report. Sara moved the PDIP to our regular Merrimack Savings general account, and once it is transferred, we can discuss if we want to move it to another account, like a CD. We received the Tarr trust.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Amy / Second: Sarah / Vote: unanimous

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Both circulation and visits increased in January. Ingram has caught up on sending the library book order, so there are many new books.

The library applied for a grant for the US@250: Big Watch. We will be viewing a portion of a Ken Burns' film and then they will send someone to facilitate a discussion. Rose ran the radiant flooring when it was very cold to prevent the pipes freezing.

Rose also presented new usage statistics graphics.

See director's report attached

Hoopla: Rose is investigating alternatives to Hoopla. For music she has found Freegal, which is a streaming service like Spotify but it is expensive. Rose also looked at Comics Plus, and for all access to the platform would cost \$1300 with a one-time set up fee. Unfortunately, it looks like Comics Plus is raising its prices soon.

Upcoming Grants: Amy shared the login to the grant application with the Trustees. Amy will ask Revision to update the estimate with current numbers. Katie will proofread the grant for Amy.

2026 Budget Update: There weren't any questions about the library at the public hearing.

Donor Plaque: Katie will get a final proof, and then share with the Slusser family.

Amy adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm. Respectfully submitted, Sarah Chiappetta, Meeting Secretary

NEXT MEETING: 5:30 pm on 3/17/26