

Minutes of the Hartland Public Library Board of Trustees  
Regular meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026  
Submitted by Amy Reichert

Attendance

- Present: Lee Bromberger, Lisa Kwiat, Linda Hallquist, Amy Reichert, Elise Miller, Tom Truttschel, Robyn Ludtke, Lisa Feldner, and Andrew Kristensen
- Absent: N/A

**I. Call to Order**

a. Call to Order was made at 5:01pm by President Lee Bromberger.

**II. Public Comment:** Please be advised that the audio of this meeting will be recorded and available online through the Library's website.

a. There were no public comments.

**III. Consideration of Library Board Minutes of the December Meeting**

a. A motion to approve the Library Board Minutes of the December Meeting was made by Tom Truttschel and seconded by Linda Hallquist. The motion carried unanimously; Robyn Ludtke & Lisa Feldner abstained.

**IV. Financial Affairs**

a. Consideration of the December Bills

- i. A motion to approve the December bills was made by Linda Hallquist and seconded by Elise Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Status of the Budget

- i. Director Kristensen updated the board about the status of the budget. He estimates we will be \$3000 under budget for 2025.

**V. Director's Report**

a. Statistics

- i. Director Kristensen discussed the most recent monthly stats.
- ii. Overall our circulation and library usage has continued to rise.
- iii. Director Kristensen has heard from patrons that they choose our library over neighboring libraries because they prefer our staff. Excellent news!

b. Staff Updates, Buildings and Grounds, & Miscellaneous

- i. Director Kristensen highlighted second new clerk is up and running. We are fully staffed. Emily will be back starting in February. Fulltime in March.
- ii. Exhaust fan guy showed up and it will be fixed (hopefully) tomorrow.
- iii. Looking into some issues with Terminex with billing.
- iv. Winter reading starts next week.
- v. Winter Wonderland was very well attended. Model trains were a hit!

**VI. Old Business**

a. Discussion of Hartland North School Visits Program for the 2025-2026 School Year

- i. Guest: Youth Services Librarian Jamie Chandler. Amazing presentation.
- b. Discussion of Hartland History Collection
  - i. Is there anything we can do to reclaim that space without the public losing access to the collection? Discussion ongoing. Andy will speak with Ryan Bailey.

**VII. New Business**

- a. Discussion of the Yearly Review of the 2024 – 2026 Strategic Plan
  - i. We like it. It's being used by the staff to guide programming.
  - ii. Lisa Kwiat suggested we look at our strategic plan goals once a quarter.
- b. Discussion and Consideration of the 2027 – 2029 Strategic Plan Process
  - i. We will work on it in the autumn.
- c. Discussion of Budget Policy
  - i. We discussed and like it. It will be voted on next meeting.

**VIII. Announcements**

- a. Lisa Felder's term ends in April 2026. Her replacement will be forthcoming.
- b. Elise Miller shared info about the Kudos Award dinner and the upcoming Lifetime Achievement Award that will be presented to Dave Lembrand.
- c. Sons of American Legion Homeless Vets Operation Sleep Out is February 13-15.

**IX. Adjournment**

- a. A motion to adjourn was made at 6:45 pm by Linda Hallquist and seconded by Elise Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2025 at 5:00 pm