

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2026**

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alyssa Richard. at 6:04 PM. Trustees in attendance were Ann Caldwell, Kate Capello, Sharon Connors, Cynthia Corbett, Mike Durkay, and Fred Slemmon. Also in attendance were director Kate Hibbert and associate director Sharon Clarke.

Approval of minutes

Minutes will be approved at the February meeting

Mail, Other Communications, and Requests to Use of Library /facilities

Mathworks will be at the library on January 26, February 15, and March 7
Legislative breakfast–Swansea public library

Monthly Liaison and Committee Reports

Seekonk Library Trust (Mike): The Trust did not meet
Trust (mike) no meeting
Friends of the Library (Fred): The Friends met on January 19 and will have their annual meeting on January 28.

Old Business

Update on Care and Retention of Sharon St. Hilaire Fiber Art

There is no update

Review of Policy #330 Meeting Room Use

There is nothing new from Counsel

Discussion of Library Repair/Renovation Project

There is nothing new; a meeting was canceled. At this point the discussion is focused on finding a temporary location and an OPM

New Business

Update on the Search for a Library Director

Sharon Connors and Kate reported that they are extending the recruitment beyond 1/18 to “until position is filled” They will be doing three preliminary interviews next. Once the number of

candidates is narrowed down the search will go public and the Trustees will meet with the candidates.

The Interview panel consists of Kate Capello, Sharon Connors, Pat Libby (Friends of the Library), Michael Seebeck (Library Trust), Kathy Lussier and Sharon Clarke.

Policy Reviews

Policy #90 Appealing a Loss of Service
Policy #310 Soliciting on Library Property
One word was changed in each of these policies
Policy 90 and 310—one word change

Approve as changed? Motion to approve, seconded approved

Other business

The Legislative Breakfast is Friday February 27th at the Swansea Free Public Library

Director's Report

Many of the materials in the Local history room have been deaccessioned since most are available online. The library will retain materials directly related to Seekonk. Vital records are available in Attleboro.

Sue Waddington will take Charles's paintings during renovation;
Statistics are up due to Attleboro's closing. They have reopened.

Set Next Meeting Date and Vote to Adjourn

The next meeting will be February 18 at 6 PM
The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alyssa Richard at 6:02 PM. Trustees in attendance were Fred Slemon, Sharon Conors, Ann Caldwell, Mike Durka, Cynthia Coirbett, and Kate Capello. Also in attendance were director Kate Hibbert and associate director Sharon Clarke

Approval of minutes

A typo was discovered in the December 2025 minutes. December minutes were approved as amended.

January 2026 minutes were approved.

Mail, Other Communications, and Requests for Use of Library Facilities

Kate received a letter complaining about a movie scheduled to be shown. Kate explained that it was part of a regular series of showing Academy Award nominees and there was a formal was to object to the viewing. There was no further comment from the patron and the movie was shown.

The American Financial Association requested using the meeting room for two nights for an education session. It was not clear that the requestor was a Seekonk resident and the room was already booked for one of the nights.

Other requests are for the "Meet the Candidates" session on March 7 and a meeting of the Democratic Committee on March 14.

Monthly Liaison and Committee Reports

Seekonk Library Trust (Mike): The Trust will meet next Tuesday
Friends of the Library (Fred); The officers will remain the same for the coming year. They made \$9964 from their annual appeal. Bad weather caused the book sale to be cancelled but they were able to have it each day during next week in the meeting room and made \$1300.

Old Business

Update on care and retention of Sharon St. Hilaire fiber art

Alyssa spoke with Mary Jane Andreozzi who will look at what's at the library (5 pieces)

Review of Policy #330 Meeting Room Use

The group looked through the policy for any further changes.

Motion to accept as modified. Seconded, approved

Update on the search for a new library director

The search committee has compiled a list of questions for the candidates which will be distributed to the Trustees. If we have additional questions for would like to add to the existing questions, please make those changes quickly

Discussion of the Library Repair/Renovation Project

There have been 7 applications for the OPM. At the March 2 meeting the committee will interview 3 of those, There was a discussion of how long the project will take as well as potential temporary locations for the staff and collections

New Business

Discussion on disposition of artwork remaining in the director's office.

A "Library Gardens" plaque was shown with a number of names on it. No one knew what garden it was commemorating.

Discussion on disposition of donations given in memory of former Library Director Peter Fuller

The donations in Peter's memory will; go to the Trust

Policy Reviews

#70 Child safety: no changes

#80 Behavior: no changes

Other Business

Seekonk High school class night is May 28 at 6:30 PMI The library will be awarding the same amount and the high school will select the winner

According to MBLC we need to appoint an interim director? Sharon Clarke will be the Interim Director

Mike Durkay will vacate his Trustee position in April after he is elected Town Moderator. A new Trustee will need to be appointed

Director's report

Kate reminded the group of the Legislative Breakfast at the Swansea Public Library

The adult audio book collection is not used muchj so it will be sunsetted. Nothing new will be added to it.

The goal for the Bruins Pajama Drive is 900 pajamas.

The own election is April 6

The Volunteer appreciation brunch is coming up

Set next meeting date & vote to adjourn

The next meeting in March 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM

DOCUMENTS

Communications: Movie Screening Complaint[Meeting Room Request.pdf](#)

Minutes Dec25 BoLT

[Director's Report Jan 2026](#)

[Agenda February 18 2026.docx](#)

[Meeting Room Policy.pdf](#)

[Trustee Award.pdf](#)

[Interim Director](#)

[Policy#70 Child Safety Pol.pdf](#)

[Policy#80 Behavior in the Library](#)

[Untitled document](#)

[Meeting Room Request.pdf](#)

[Personnel resignation.pdf](#)

[Personnel retirement.docx](#)

[Minutes Dec25 BoLT.pdf](#)

[Minutes Jan26 BOLT.pdf](#)

[Stats: FY20-25 Circulation Stats by ItemCat1.pdf](#)

[Jan YTD - Library \(1\).pdf](#)

[Stats ProgramsBoardReport_2026-January.pdf](#)

[Stats WiFiBoardReport_2026-January.pdf](#)

[Stats January Door Count.pdf](#)

[Meeting Room Request](#)

[2026 Invitation.pdf](#)

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2026**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alyssa Richard at 6:01 PM. Trustees in attendance were Fred Slemon, Sharon Connors, Cynthia Corbett,, Kate Capello, Ann Caldwell, and Mike Durkay. Also in attendance was interim director Sharon Clarke

Approval of Minutes

Several typos and wording errors were pointed out. The minutes were approved as amended

Mail, Other Communications, and Requests for Use of Library Facilities

A request from the residents of Chelsea Drive for two meetings (4/20/26 and 4/27/26) was approved

A request from the Fire Department to conduct safety training on two dates in April was approved

Monthly Liaison and Committee Reports

Seekonk Library Trust (Mike Durkay): Music and Mocktails is not being held this year since the group thought the library would probably be closed. The Trust's investments are doing well. Since Mike will be stepping down from the Trustees, a new liaison is heeded. Sharon Connors volunteered. The next meeting is April 14.

Friends of the Seekonk Library (Fred Slemon): The Friends did well on their week-long book sale. They need graphic novels. Their next meeting is March 29 and the next book sale is May 2.

Old Business

Update on care and retention of Sharon St. Hilaire fiber art

No update

Update on the search for a new library director

The group discussed next steps, other methods of communicating

Discussion of Library repair/renovation project

The committee has submitted a recommendation for an OPM (through Shawn Cadime) to the Select Board. If the Select Board agrees Shawn will begin contract negotiations. Those, in turn, need to be approved by the Select Board. More temporary sites have been looked at.

The committee submitted a recommendation (through Shawn) to the Selectboard. If the Selectboard agrees Shawn begins contract negotiations then those have to be approved at the next Selectboard meeting (hopefully this Wed.)

Consider approval of Food for Fines for National Library Week, April 19-25

During this week fines will be reduced by \$1.00 per item. Moved, seconded, approved

Policy Revises

#11 Policy on Loan Periods: Consider changing the loan period for new nonfiction from 4 weeks to 2 weeks: approved as amended

#30 Policy on Decertified Libraries: no change

#50 Customer Services Policy: no change

#60 Ethics Policy: no change

Other Business

The Legislative Coffee Hour; 3/27 10-12 am at the Swansea Public Library

Library Director's Report

There was a reminder about the Trustee award at the high school;
Sharon Clarke asked if the Trustees needed any other other information in her report; they did not
Mike knows someone who may be able to take his place on the Trustees

Set Next Meeting and Vote to Adjourn

The next meeting will be April 15 at 6 PM
The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM

DOCUMENTS

Director Report Feb 2026
#30 Policy on Decertified Libraries.docx
Meeting Room application.pdf
2026 Legislative Coffee Hours (1) (1).pdf
Draft BoLT 2_18_26.pdf
Feb YTD - Library (1).pdf
Meeting Agenda March 18 2026.pdf
Stats Door Count Feb 2026.pdf
Stats Programs BoardReport_2026-February.pdf
WiFiBoardReport_2026-February.pdf
#11 Loan Periods .docx
#60 Ethics Policy.docx
#50 Customer Services Policy.docx

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2026**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chair Alyssa Richard. Trustees in attendance were Kate Capello, Sharon Connors, Cynthia Corbett, Ann Caldwell, Fred Slemon. Also in attendance was associate director/interim director Sharon Clarke.

Approval of Minutes

There was one small typo. The minutes were approved as amended.

Mail, Other Communications, and Requests for Use of Library Facilities .

The School Department submitted a request to use the Meeting Room: approved

Mike Durkay requested use of the meeting room for a “How Town Meeting is Run” session: approved

The owner of the Hamilton Diner is interested in the painting of Seekonk that is hanging in the meeting room. He wanted to know its history, etc. It was originally in town hall but they didn’t want it so it has been on loan from Town Hall since then. Sharon Clarke will check with Town hall to be sure they don’t want it back or object to the library loaning it to the diner. Three Seekonk HS students from 1987 painted it.

Monthly Liaison & Committee Reports

Seekonk Library Trust: The Trust received an additional \$800 from its annual appeal. It is considering changing banks since checks are not clearing fast enough. The Sharon St. Hilaire award will be awarded in fall 2026. In 2027 it will move back to June.

Friends of the Seekonk Library: Fred Slemon reported that the group met February 19. He provided a financial report. Their next book sale will be May 2.

Old Business

Update on the care and retention of Sharon St. Hilaire fiber art: The Seekonk Artists Network has been contacted and there will be a follow-up. Two staff members adopted two pieces.

Update on the search for a new library director: one offer was declined and a second offer was made

Discussion of library repair/renovation project: the OPM's contract is under review and is on the Select Board's agenda on 4/27

New Business

Policy reviews:

#410 Library Trustee Award: no changes

#120/#340: Gift & Naming Policy: accept as amended

Director's report

Senior Class night is May 27 at 6:30 PM

Sharon Fredette has been on leave since March 17 and will return soon. She will be installing 2 network switches. These will come out of the tech line of the operating budget.

The library website will be getting refreshed and will probably be completed by the summer

The volunteer appreciation lunch has been postponed indefinitely. It will be combined with the arrival of the new director

Seekonk collected 366 pairs of pajamas for the Bruins pajama drive making it the third largest collector.

A reminder that Town Meeting is May 11 at 6 PM

Set next meeting and vote to adjourn

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 20 at 6 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM

DOCUMENTS

Agenda April 22 2026.docx

Policy 410.docx

Meeting Room Use Request.pdf

Website redesign 2028 invoice 1 or 2.pdf

Stats Door Count March 2026.pdf

Stats WiFi BoardReport 2026-March.pdf

Stats Programming Report 2026-March.pdf

Financials March YTD - Library.pdf

Director Report April 2026.docx

Policy 120 & 340 Gift & Naming Policy- appr Dec 20 2023.docx

Minutes DRAFT March 2026 BoLT.pdf

Quote for switches.pdf