EAST HADDAM LIBRARY STSTEM

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 14, 2026

1. Meeting called to order by D Barlow at6:30 PM

   Trustees present: D Barlow, J Bielot, W Barney, K McRae, M Mazur, J Ranaudo, L White

   Also present: E Morgen Library System Director, T Sevigny, Board of Selectmen Liaison

2. The minutes of the Trustees meeting of April 9, 2026 were reviewed and accepted as presented
3. Report of the Library System Director

   E Morgen reported that the balance in the Library System's 2025-26 budget is tracking as expected with no unusual differences. She reported that the Board of Selectmen appointed the New Library Exploratory Committee which will begin its work within the next few weeks. The Library and the East Haddam Land Trust will be presented with the Excellence in Community Engagement Award by the Connecticut Land Conservation Council. The Award will be presented on May 18th at the Rathbun Library. The Library began its participation in East Haddam's CT250 Celebration with a program on the history of American music. In conjunction with the Land Trust, the Library System sponsored a Earth Day reading event. The Summer Reading program will begin June 19th . The 1,000 book program is drawing to a close. Those youngsters completing the Program will be recognized at a ceremony at the end of June. The 'Tiny Art' project was a great success. E Morgen shared data with the Trustees showing that that library visits and material circulation is up as is the use of the digital library materials.

4. Report of the Board of Selectmen Liaison

   T Sevigny reported that the citizens approved the 2026-27 Budget at Referendum. He also Commented on the appointment of the New Library Exploratory Committee. The Library System is the beneficiary of a bequest of $50,000. From an individual as yet unknown.

5. Reports
   a. Finance Subcommittee
      i. D Barlow reviewed the subcommittee activities
      ii. Spending was tracking as expected. Reviewed status of 2025-25 and discussed spending for the remainder of the fiscal year. E Morgen identified where purchases should be made and the Subcommittee members concurred. These areas included chairs, shelving and shelving supplies and books and periodicals.
      iii. E Morgen reported that an as yet unknown benefactor left a $50,000. Bequests to the Library System. Details regarding the bequest have yet to be received. This is in addition to the $10,000. Bequest that was received that will directly benefit the Rathbun Library.
   b. Governance – J Ranaudo reported that the Subcommittee was reviewing an Orientation process for bringing new Trustees onto the Board. Exact details are still being developed

and it is hoiped that they will be presented to the Trustees at the June meeting. She further reported that the evaluation materials for the Library Director and the Trustees are just about ready to be distributed.

c. Public Relations – M Mazur reported that the Subcommittee did not meet this month
d. Friends Liaison's - K McRae and M Mazur reported jointly.
    i. The authors' Showcase will be held November 14th from11:00 AM to 3:L00 PM. There will be good truckes, a bake sale, and a drawing for gift cards from local shops.
    ii. Planning has begun for the Holidays activities.
    iii. The annual book sale will be Columbus Day weekend. Volunteers are needed.
e. Corresponding Secretary – S Jezek was absent but E Morgen reported that a condolence card was sent to M Mazur on behalf of the Board and staff.

6. Unfinished Business
    a. 2025-26 budget status was reported by the Finance Subcommittee and the Library Director. There was nothing new to report.
    b. The 2026-27 Town budget was approved by the Town via Referendum.
    c. The New Library Exploratory Building Committee has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen and will be brought together by the First Selectman soon so that they can begin their work.
7. New Business
    a. Discussion regarding the Exploratory New Library Building Committee was covered in the reports of T Sevigny and E Morgen
    b. The materials for Public Relations and Media policies are not ready for Board discussion.
8. Audience
    a. There was no audience of citizens
9. Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Submitted by William Barney, Board Secretary