

Gardiner Public Library Board of Trustees
April 29, 2025
Meeting Notes

Intro & Welcome

Call to order: 5:33

Minutes to approve

Present: Christine Parker (Litchfield); Rachel Choate (Farmingdale); Helen Stevens (Gardiner); Sam Shaw (ex officio); Dawn Thistle (director); Duncan (Randolph); Valerie (W. Gardiner); Patsy Adams (Gardiner); Patricia Hart, (Gardiner Mayor, Ex Officio), Sarah Hubert

We need to avoid meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (Sarah Hubert has a standing commitment).

Discussion of and Vote to accept February 11, 2025, minutes

Minutes accepted

Discussion of FY26 Budget and town meetings

- Still in discussion (1st read hasn't happened yet)
- 2 meetings (Pittston & W. Gardiner) went okay
 - Next meeting is Litchfield
- Sam to set up a separate meeting to work on preparing answers for some FAQ's that come up at town meetings

Library Director's Update

- Lots of good programming happening
- Monday exercise group (in person & Zoom)
- Friday morning coffee chats
- Silent auction happening in 1.5 weeks
- Plant sale coming up too
- Story time is really well attended (sometimes 30+ kids)

GLA Updates

- Prepping engineering info for back lot project
- Grant writer hired to apply for project support

Chair's Report on MSL Trustees Workshop

- Lots of uncertainty due to current fed administration
 - States that receive fed funding for library/museum support may experience hardship (executive order :: ILMS)
 - Maine State Lib staff has laid off 13 staff members
- Van delivery is operating (state funding supports this)
- Cloud Library \$1300
- Internet is paid for (Maine telecom 40% / Feds 60%)
- Sierra/Minerva service - concerns that we may lose this service, but state has assured that Minerva is safe.
- Hoopla \$24k
- Outreach branch to be hit hard
 - Large print/recorded for disabled - paid for Maine State Lib
 - We can request & receive these books from Library of Congress to directly handle this service

Trustee Updates

Old Business

New Business

Adjourned at 6:32