

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting, Wednesday January 21, 2026 4:00 PM

Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 4:15 pm by President Patricia Sanders.
2. **ATTENDANCE:** Patricia Sanders, Rebecca Prause, Henrietta Horvay, Lynette Miller, Anne Green, Kristen D'Urso, First Selectman Seth Breakell and Library Director Philip Armentrout. Marianne Stilson – **ZOOM.**
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2025 REGULAR MEETING** – Motion to accept the minutes by Lynette Miller and seconded by Anne Green. Vote unanimous.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - Corrections: Henrietta Horvay noticed the incorrect spelling of Patricia Sanders name twice (Saunders). Lynette Miller mentioned a correction under public comments that Marianne Stilson states that she was thanking Lynn Steinmayer for the excellent program, she appreciated the adult programming and she said she specifically did not say anything for any service, just thanked Lynn for the program, there was no thanks specifically to Henrietta or anyone else. She said that should be stricken. Motion to accept the changes by Lynette, Anne, Rebecca and Kristen.
5. **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT-** a). Welcome to Philip Armentrout, new Library Director. Philip gave a quick talk about himself. He lives in Canton and had been the Director of the Bakerville Library for 11 years. He started here in Goshen on 1-5-26 and is very happy to be here. b.) Report to the Board. Philip reported that the budget and staff are good and he will keep things the same. Kristen asked how programming was announced to the public regarding events? Discussion of above, and how to get more engagement in the Town. Rebecca asked how many library cards are out. Philip is making it his focus. MOTION made by Rebecca Prause and seconded by Anne Green, to add further discussion of programming announcements to the public to next month's agenda. All in favor. MOTION by Lynette Miller and seconded by Rebecca Prause to accepted the Director's Report. Motion carries.
6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Patricia stated that all thank Lynn Steinmayer for all her help past and present to the library and staff.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Motion to receive the treasurers report by Henrietta Horvay and seconded by Kristen D'Urso. Motion passed. Attached - Response to Devin Stilson, Goshen Town Treasurer from Lynette Miller regarding the Library's Harmon Fund.
8. **OLD BUSINESS** - a.) Update regarding high school student ideas regarding games with seniors and creating an escape room. Discussion regarding how to get teenagers into the library, and to interact. Lynette has reached out to high school teacher Ashley Sullivan to decide frequency, transportation, room to use and building an escape room. Philip will also reach out to Ashley as well. Kristen explained what an escape room is (a bunch of puzzles which help you solve a mystery and allows you to escape from the room.) Anne suggested visiting the escape room at the Indian Institute in Washington, CT to see how it is set up. Motion by Lynette Miller and seconded by Rebecca Prause for Philip to give us a report on the status and cost next month and what would be included in a kit. Motion passed.

9. **NEW BUSINESS** - a). First Selectman will talk about 2026 Budget. Seth reported the Budget has been fairly stable. Discussion regarding Director's salary. Discussion regarding special meeting to discuss the 2026 Budget . Special meeting Friday February 6th at 11:00 AM in the conference room. All in favor.
10. **CORRESPONDENCE** - Response to Devin Stilson, Goshen Treasurer.
11. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Marianne Stilson (Zoom) thanked the board for all they do. Also asked if the link on the Agenda could be corrected to get onto Zoom.
12. **ALL OTHER BUSINESS RIGHTLY BEFORE THE BOARD** - Lynette Miller has observed that when she calls the library, she has to ask who she is speaking to. When library staff answer the phone they should be identifying themselves at all times. Discussion about possible name tags for library staff. Philip will discuss with staff and see how they feel. Rebecca Prause asked if all computers were working and Philip said all are working.
13. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn at 4:58 pm made by Anne Green and seconded by Henrietta Horvay. Vote unanimous.

Special Meeting Friday, February 6th, 2026 @ 11 am

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 @ 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Bate

Marie Bate, Substitute Clerk

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Attest *Barton Z. Burr*
Goshen Town Clerk