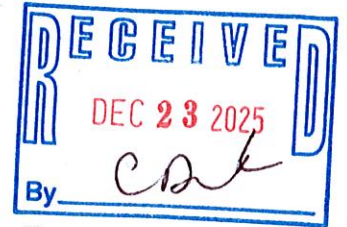


Thomaston Public Library Budget Committee
Meeting December 16, 2025, 5:30 pm



Members present: Allyn Manning, Kathleen Reynolds, Kate Sileo, Kathy Turner
Also present: Amy Schumann

Call to order: 5:30 pm

Changes discussed: Salaries adjusted to reflect 3% increase in the White Collar Contract for fiscal year 2026-2027, as well as the minimum wage increase will go from \$16.35 to \$16.94 on January 1, 2026. Possible minimum wage increase may be announced in October 2026 for January 1, 2027.

Amy met with Rich Sileo and Tracy Decker re: budget on December 4. Tracy Decker, fuel and heating costs, fuel and electricity will remain flat as long as they are on track so far for this year. Rich also mentioned that services should reflect costs, so copier and fax pricing should go up a bit.

Telephone adjusted to \$2,700 due to recent Verizon increases and the copier rental price had its annual increase, so this line was changed to \$3,186.

\$450 was shifted to books from magazines and AV recordings, keeping the overall library materials line the same.

Under repairs and maintenance there was no increase even though the breakers and cage need to be updated. There is no current estimate for these costs, so it will have to be added in the future. Total increase in budget is 2.4%

Motion to accept the budget by the committee by Kathy Turner, second by Kathleen Reynolds, all in favor. This will be presented to the board in tonight's meeting.

Adjournment: 5:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Sileo
Secretary