



Thomaston Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday January 6, 2026
Thomaston Public Library

Attendance: Melanie Dobos, Kate Sileo, Debi April, Barbara Lee, Phyllis Nardella, Allyn Manning, Katherine Turner, Patrick Hyres, Michele Brady, Joe Calabro,

Call to order: 6:01PM

Approval of minutes: Motion to accept minutes by Michele second by Debi. All in favor. Motion to accept annual minutes by Phyllis, second by Patrick. All in favor. Annual report to be published by Amy.

Communications: none

Public Comment: none

New Business: We discussed the basket sale for March. Baskets due February meeting. Motion to accept template for sub-committee meetings. Motion to accept by Michele, second by Patrick, all in favor. A special committee was appointed to gather additional data Patrick, Barbara and Joe will head this committee. Holidays were discussed and it was discussed that the library would keep the same number of holidays as the town. A motion was made to accept the towns 13 holidays by Kate and second by Patrick. Discussion ensued. The effective date will be March 1, 2026. All in favor. It was also discussed that the four additional Saturdays the library will be closed are April 4, 2026, May 23, 2026, Dec 26, 2026, Sat January 2, 2027, motion by Michele, second by Deb. One abstained, all nine others in favor.

Directors Report: Motion to accept by Kathy Turner second by Debi. All in favor

Treasurer's Report: We are almost to full staff. Approved budget has been submitted for the upcoming year. Motion to accept by Patrick, second by Michele. All in favor

Committee Reports:

Steering: Laura Andrews money currently sits in a CD, and it must be held in a separate account. We can decide how to invest the money. The amount of money is approximately \$400,000. The money has been transferred to the town but for the purpose of the library.

Maintenance: We have discussed upgrading the control panel, but this is not an emergent problem. The work in the children's department still needs to be completed. OSHA issues discussed and the remaining items need to be resolved ASAP.

Budget: submitted and awaiting review from the BOF

Personnel: none

Bylaws: code of conduct signed by all

Long-range planning: sub committee meeting will meet soon

Adjournment: motion to adjourn by Phyllis and second by Patrick. 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kate Sileo, secretary

Kate Sileo
Secretary