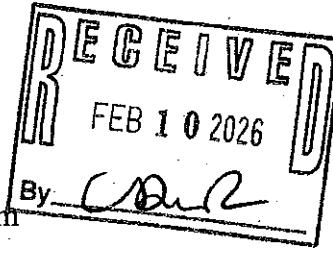


Thomaston Public Library  
Library Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
Thomaston Public Library Community Room



**Attendance:** Debbie April, Michelle Brady, Joe Calabro, Melanie Dobos, Patrick Hyres, Barbara Lee, Allyn Manning, Phyllis Nardella, Kate Sileo, Katherine Turner  
Also in attendance: Amy Schumann

**Call to order:** 6:01 pm

**Approval of minutes:** Motion to accept minutes by Michelle; second by Debbie. 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 Michelle, 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 town's 13 holidays by Kate; 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 Michelle, second by Debbie. One abstained, all nine others in favor.

**Director's Report:** Motion to accept by Kathy Turner; second by Debi. All in favor.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Steering:** The 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 for the purpose of the library.

**Maintenance:** We have discussed upgrading the control panel, but this is not an immediate 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:** Will meet soon

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Phyllis and second by Patrick. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Sileo  
Secretary