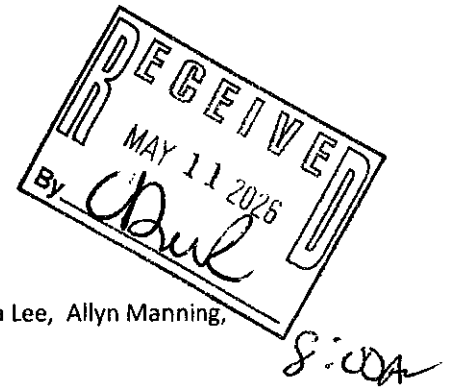


Thomaston Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
May 5, 2026
Thomaston Public Library



Attendance: Debbie April, Michelle Brady, Melanie Dobos, Shanelle Dupre, Barbara Lee, Allyn Manning, Phyllis Nardella, Kate Sileo, Kathleen Turner, Joe Calabro

Not in Attendance: Kathleen Reynolds, Patrick Hyres
Also in Attendance: Amy Schumann

Call to order: 6:04 PM

Approval of minutes: Motion to accept the April 7, 2026, minutes by Michelle, seconded by Phyllis. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications: Mary Ann sent a thank you to the library for her retirement party. The Light Up Thomaston committee is planning a fund raiser on July 25, 2026. They would like the library to show a movie and put out a collection bin. We are not open on Saturdays in the summer currently and will also not have the proper license to show films in July which further complicates the problem.

Public Comment: none

Directors Report: Motion to accept by Debbie, seconded by Allyn. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept by Barbara; seconded by Debbie. All in favor. Discussion ensued to include monthly checking account information into our monthly reports. A motion to approve was made by Michelle and seconded by Phyllis. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Steering: Discussion regarding the potential scholarship candidates ensued and the committee decided to pick candidate number 6. Allyn made a motion to accept the candidate and Michelle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance: Reviewed OSHA report. One resolution is that the shelves will be installed soon, which will help with clutter. Discussion regarding the citations referencing clutter around walkways and employee desk space. Amy will work to ensure these space/clutter issues are resolved and remain compliant.

Budget: none

Personnel: Awaiting approval from the personnel committee of the revisions before we can send them over to Town Hall.

Bylaws: none

Long-range planning: We need to meet with the strategic planning team later in June with our advisory team. We currently don't have a Community Advisory Council for plan in place but will need one by June. The meeting will be June 23, 2026, 6:30 PM.

Old Business: Allyn, Melanie, Barbara, and Amy met with the bank regarding the Laura Andrews money. Regarding the current money, \$210,000 will go into the money market. The remaining \$215,000 will go into a moderate growth portfolio.

New Business: Motion made by Debbie and seconded by Barbara to add to the agenda a discussion regarding raffle money from the Book sale. Motion passed unanimously. The money was inadvertently deposited in the checking account for the library and needs to go to the Friends account. Amy will prepare a check to them in the amount of \$1275. Motion to move the money made by Debbie, seconded by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to add a second item to the agenda regarding streaming board meetings for the town was made by Kate, seconded by Debbie. Motion passed unanimously to add the item. A discussion regarding logistics and lack of proper equipment followed. A motion was made to stream the meetings at this time by Michelle, second by Debbie. The motion failed unanimously.

Finally, a motion to add a third item to today's agenda regarding the additional conference room was made. by Allyn, seconded by Phyllis. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding new shelving, table, and chairs as well was proposed. Many volunteered to help clean and organize the room this summer. It was decided the steering committee would meet to discuss further steps. There are grant monies available to use for various items for the room.

Executive Session: A motion to go into executive session regarding the Library Director Annual Review was made by Debbie, seconded by Phyllis. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session entered at 7:10 pm.

All board members as well as the library director were invited. The library director did not attend. A motion to exit executive session was made by Michelle second by Phyllis. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 7:57 pm.

Actions to be taken: The director's annual review will be completed and shared with the director at a further date.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Debbie, seconded by Barbara. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Sileo, secretary