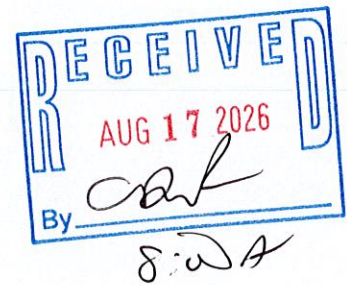


Thomaston Public Library  
Library Board of Trustees  
August 4, 2026  
Thomaston Public Library



**Attendance:** Melanie Dobos, Kate Sileo, Allyn Manning, Patrick Hyres, Joe Calabro, Michelle Brady, Shanelle Dupre  
Also in Attendance: Amy Schumann

**Not in Attendance:** Phyllis Nardella, Barabara Lee, Kathleen Reynolds. Kathy Turner, Debbie April

**Call to order:** 6:03 PM

**Approval of minutes:** June minutes approved by Michele, second by Shanelle. Motion to accept as amended with a date change. All in favor, motion carries.

**Communications:** We received a thank you note from the recipient of the scholarship.

**Public Comment:** none

**Directors Report:** Motion to approve by Patrick, second by Michele. All in favor, motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed by board. Motion to approve by Kate, second by Allyn. All in favor, motion carries.

**Committee Reports:**

**Steering:** Motion to add a topic to steering by Patrick, second by Shanelle. We received a sizable bequest from Frances Skerstonas. A motion to add it to the investment portfolio was made by Patrick, second by Kate. All in favor, motion carries.

**Maintenance:** none

**Budget:** none

**Personnel:** Revised policies were sent to the personnel committee and will be sent to the board for review and approval next month. A letter sent to town hall by a former employee regarding "hostile work environment." An investigation was performed and documented with HR at the town hall by the Chair of the library board.

**Bylaws:** none

**Long-range planning:** We are working on next steps with the consultants, aka the bones of the strategic plan. There are three meetings left to finish this phase of the project.

**Old Business:** We are working on shelving with a company from Wolcott. They have additional shelving that we may be able to use. Amy will follow up and get a date on the calendar for this. OSHA clean up has been moving forward. The conference room needs to be cleaned. The door counters will be put up this month. We have new soap dispensers, handrails, and other items that need to be installed. We will have them installed

as well as having the walls painted. We will check with the town regarding the policy to see how to proceed. Patrick will follow up and report back to Amy and the board. We will follow back in the September meeting.

**New Business:** The car show will be September 13, 2026. We will continue to keep the show inside. We will open on for Saturdays in the fall on September 12<sup>th</sup> and set up starting at 1:00 pm. We will hope to have support from the friends and board members.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Kate, second by Shanelle. All in favor, adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Sileo, secretary