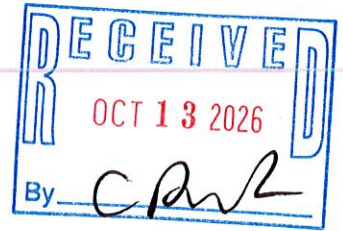


Thomaston Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
October 6, 2026
Thomaston Public Library



Attendance: Melanie Dobos, Kate Sileo, Debi April, Phyllis Nardella, Kathleen Reynolds, Patrick Hyres, Kathleen Turner, Joe Calabro, Barbara Lee, Shanelle Dupre, also in attendance Amy Schumann

Not in Attendance: Allyn Manning, Michele Brady

Call to order: 6:01PM by Melanie

Communications: Strategic Plan discussed/reviewed with Maxine Bleiweis and Associates

Approval of minutes: Motion by Kathleen, second by Debi to approve minutes from September 1st board meeting. All in favor, motion carries. Motion to approve minutes from the special meeting September 15th 2026, made by Patrick, second by Shannelle. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion made to add discussion about a cellular dialer. Motion by Kathleen, second by Patrick. All in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made to accept the proposal from the town hall to switch the elevator call box to the new service. If the current budget results in a shortfall from the upfront cost of \$1800 the board will go to the BOF to ask for the additional funds to cover the shortfall. Motion made by Phyllis, second by Kathleen. All in favor, one abstention motion carries.

Public Comment: none

Directors Report: reviewed by all. Motion to accept the report by Patrick, second by Kathleen. All in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept by Phyllis, second by Debi. All in favor, motion carries.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business:

Nonfiction Shelving -Amy spoke with Jennifer from PSI recently, shelving project is a green light and should begin shortly

OSHA Clean up- A monthly facilities check list shared with all that Amy will use to ensure OSHA compliance. Patrick is assisting with the statutes necessary for compliance. We are looking to donate the copier that we have been gifted.

Conference Room Clean-up has been progressing

ADA Bathroom Build -on hold

Door Counter Install- the counters are currently working

New Business: none

Executive Session: Motion made by Patrick, second by Phyllis to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing the performance of the Library Director and possible action related thereto, and invite in all members present as well as Amy Schuman, library director (7:01 PM). Motion to exit by Kate and second by Kathleen at 7:36 PM. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to email Amy outlining expectations with deadlines for the next board meeting to include updated accounts for all grants and action plans for the remaining funds as well as a copy of the annual report. This will be placed in Amy 's personnel file. Motion by Phyllis, second by Debi. All in favor, motion carries.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:43 by Kate, second by Kathleen. All in favor, motion carries

Respectfully submitted, Kate Sileo, secretary