

Haston Library Trustee Meeting Minutes* [DRAFT]

May 6, 2026 @6pm

Haston Library and on Zoom

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Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Brenna.

Attendance: deb Grennon, Brenna Sturtevant, Jeffrey Teitelbaum, Lissy Bachelder, Allison Franklin, Madison Sanguinetti Kempton, David Pratt, and Library Director Josh Worman.

Agenda Amendments: None

Public Comments:

- Swanton Public Library is doing a Kid Librarian program for the summer! Kids can submit their recommended book selections and that info is displayed at the library.

Review and Sign Warrants

Correspondence: Electronic Correspondence from Allison Racine. She mentioned how we could use the Eben Racine Memorial Funds – family friendly space, etc.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved by Jeffrey to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Allison. Carried unanimously to accept.

Treasurer's Report: Moved by Jeffrey to accept the report. Seconded by Lissy. Carried unanimously to accept.

- The budget is sitting comfortably at \$19,368.17 with two months left to go in the fiscal year.

Library Director's Report (deb's favorite part):

- Online circulation has been rising each month.
- Website views are close to 970! We're happy to know people are looking at our website.
- Young Adult patron numbers sky rocketed due to library tours – Thank you, Mr. Rainville for bringing the high schoolers over!
- Easter Egg Hunt with Grammie Jen was an egg-cellent time!
- Crossroads Library Club took a short walk over to the Carriage House and read poems to the residents there.

- *The Light Pirate* (VT Reads Program) book has arrived if anyone is looking to read it and pass it on.
- **Upcoming program in May:** “Beyond the Footprints” May 16, 6pm at the Town Hall – Mike Familant has been searching for Bigfoot up and down the East Coast. He will present his evidence, and you can decide: does Bigfoot exist?!

Committee Updates

- Personnel: none
- Strategic Planning: none
- Fundraising:
 - Ideas were floated around to have a Kids Quiz Night that Wesley Kempton would host. Could possibly have it outside if it's nice out.
 - Committee members will work on a time to meet and will invite Sadie to join.
- Maintenance: none
- Policy: Mission Statement and Unattended Child policies were reviewed, and no changes were proposed by the committee.

Old Business

- Plant Swap: Saturday, May 9th from 10am-1pm
 - Did you know that a jumping worm is an invasive species? They can be as big around as your thumb and super duper long – they can actually jump out at you! They can destroy the soil biomes and compete with our local worms.
 - Members that can make it should meet around 9:30am to set up tables and the canopy tent.
 - Children's Garden: will have some garden pots available (that the Kempton girls can paint) and some spades if people would like to dig up some bulbs/alive plants in the garden.
- Memorial Day Parade and Book Sale
 - Reading theme: Unearth a story.
 - Ideas: construction/excavating equipment, etc.
 - On trailer: digging equipment, shovels, spades, etc. Josh has ordered a banner that should arrive in time.
 - Outfit ideas: hard hats, safety vests, bright clothing, etc.
 - Hand outs: candy, little toys, etc.
 - deb will talk with Lisa's son about getting an excavator.
 - Book sale: get some volunteers to move books (maybe use the trailer to cart them over) and David will staff the table.

- Parade starts at 10:30am – line up starts around 10:15am.

New Business

- New Hire
 - Sadie Newton is joining the team! We are super excited to have her!
 - Josh will start training her this month.
 - Budgeted 7/hrs a week but may bump up the hours during the summer.
- Bake Sale Pregame: Project Pie
 - Fireman's BBQ happening July 4th
 - We provide the pies, sweets, etc.
 - More details to come in the next couple of months.
- Phone book fundraiser
 - Mandy Gates asked if we were doing a phone book fundraiser, and if not, the Franklin Arts Dept would like to take it over.
 - The trustees determined that we would be happy to hand it over and would gladly have copies to sell at the Library.
- Town Personnel Policy
 - The trustees looked over the changes made by the town.
 - Highlights:
 - Juneteenth is a federal holiday, and town offices will be closed.
 - Medical, Vision, Dental, etc Insurances
 - Parental/Family Leave
 - The trustees would like to close the library on Juneteenth. This motion will be handled at our next meeting.

Other Business/Member Concerns: None

Executive Session: None

Adjourned at 7:08pm.

Submitted by Lissy Bachelder.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6pm in the library.

*Minutes are not yet approved by all trustees; therefore this remains a draft until the next trustee meeting.