

Haston Library Trustee Meeting Minutes* [DRAFT]

July 9, 2026 @5pm

Haston Library and on Zoom

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Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Brenna.

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

Special Guest: Sadie Newton

Absent: David Pratt

Agenda Amendments: None

Public Comments: Sadie joined us this evening! Yahoo! She shared with the board what she has been doing and her ideas for the future.

- Make-It Mondays: have started and has been well attended
- Carriage House – kids read to the folks there
- Dog at the Library - rescue dogs (or any dog) that kids could snuggle and read to
- Kids play group (baby and toddler) at the Town Hall
- Crosswalk near Library (across Hanna Rd) so everyone knows where to cross (Amy Brewer is a good contact)
- Movie theater passes or contact Ernie Hemingway about Backpack Theater/theater classes
- 802 Reptiles would be fun to invite over
- Library merch – Summer Reading kickoff, kids to design, etc.

Review and Sign Warrants

Correspondence: None

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

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

- Year End Report: Our fund balance is in a positive position now! We have also started the journey of paying back Josh's retirement.

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

- It was a great June with a rise in circulation and patron visits.
- Sadie's new program on Monday's "Make-It Mondays" have been well attended!
- Champlain Color Dips were at the Library for our Summer Reading kickoff – super colorful dips and designs!
- **Upcoming events in July:**
 - Marie Rainville's bird photographs will be at the library during the month of July – check them out! They're gorgeous!
 - 7/12 Due North Winery Fundraiser
 - 7/16 Planetarium Lady is coming to the Town Hall for 3 sessions – 1pm, 2pm and 3pm
 - 7/25 Jamie Garzot is coming to speak about her book "Unconventional" at the Town Hall

Committee Updates

- Personnel: none
- Strategic Planning: none
- Fundraising: none
- Maintenance: none
- Policy: By-Laws were reviewed, and no changes were proposed by the committee.

Old Business

- Pie Sale Recap
 - Made around \$700
 - For next year: need more pies, our volunteer list (to make pies) has shrunk – who can we reach out too?, keep track of number of people attending, have people walk around with signs to encourage people to buy
- Planning for Due North benefit – July 12
 - 11-11:30am set up time
 - Bring: canopy (don't forget stakes!), tables, chairs, QR codes for donations, banner
 - Flyers for events, hours magnets, table decor, etc.
 - Rec will bring a canopy (don't forget stakes!), table, lawn games, bubbles, etc.
 - Fun for kids: temporary tattoos, digging station (provided by the Rec, sand in turtle sand box, diggers/dinos)

- Donation jars outside and inside – will split 50/50 with Rec.
- Ideas for next year: branded hats for the event

New Business

- Planning for Strategic Plan 2027-2029
 - The trustees looked through the last plan (years 2024-2026)
 - Ideas: establish a capital campaign for building repairs and downstairs renovations (once the town utilizes the Luce house)
 - What can the committee talk about
 - Friends of the Haston Library: let it go
 - Committee (Brenna, deb, Jeffrey and Josh) chose 8/17 6pm at deb's fire pit (rain date 8/19) for their meeting
- Northwest Access TV show
 - Josh and Sadie will be having a half hour TV show once a month!
 - The TV station will come to the library and record different segments/interviews.
 - Welcome to the Haston Library!
 - Josh give book recommendations based off of interview questions

Other Business/Member Concerns

- Children's Garden
 - Waiting for Jeremy to demolish it before we move forward.
- September is Library Card Month!
 - Maybe we should do something for it? Spread awareness somehow?

Executive Session: None

Adjourned at 7:23pm.

Submitted by Lissy Bachelder.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 6pm in the library.

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