Haston Library Trustee Meeting Minutes* [DRAFT]

September 10, 2026 @6pm

Haston Library and on Zoom

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Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:06pm by Brenna.

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

Absent: David Pratt and Allison Franklin

Agenda Amendments: None

Public Comments: None

Review and Sign Warrants

Correspondence: Former Librarian Molly McGinty wrote a note to thank us for having a wonderful library, and she was sad that she missed Josh.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved by deb to accept the minutes with an amendment to change the meeting time from 5pm to 6pm. Seconded by Jeffrey. Carried unanimously to accept with the above amendment.

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

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

- July report
  - 7/4 Bake Sale brought in over $700!
  - Due North event on 7/12 brought in $430 for both the Library and Rec! (next year need to have more road signage, more advertising)
  - Received a mystery box of books that can be used for upcoming events (Trunk or Treat, Polar Express, etc)
  - Make-it-Mondays have been a great hit
  - Will be receiving a $6,000 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation
- August report
  - End of Summer reading celebration was well attended
  - UVM Professor, John Franklin, came to talk about *The Odyssey* and Josh is wanting him to come back and share more knowledge

- Patron visits have been up this summer – many thanks to Sadie for her wonderful events and programs!
- Sadie is looking to start a Toddler Play Group the last Saturday of the month – the first one will be on 9/26!

Committee Updates

- Personnel: none
- Strategic Planning: more under Old Business
- Fundraising: none
- Maintenance: Window Cracked
    - Received two bids on replacing the window glass. The town will accept a bid and hopefully the job will be done before winter.
- Policy: Collection Development and Challenge Policies were reviewed, and no changes were proposed by the committee.

Old Business

- Planning for Strategic Plan 2027-2029
    - The committee met last month and brought the following to the Trustees:
        - Remove *Friends of the Haston Library* goal
        - Amend *Paid Staff Hours* goal from 20 hours to 1-2 hours
        - Remove *Parking and Access* goal
        - Amend *Building* goals – start thinking about our space once the building is ours (5 years out), have community meetings for patrons to voice their thoughts/ideas (what do you want to see us do, programming/events, space downstairs for group meetings/talks – Girl Scouts, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Green Mountain biking club, etc.), community wants/needs in the next couple years vs. building space (longer term)
        - Amend *Engagement and Inclusion* goal to focus more on elementary/middle school aged kids vs teens
        - Remove *Documentation* goal
    - Committee will circle back and sharpen the goals – will meet 10/1 at 6pm at deb's firepit.
- Northwest Access TV show
    - Show will be filmed the last week of the month.
    - Next week, Josh and Sadie will start planning content.
    - The show should have a theme song and we should have a viewing party.

New Business

- Budget planning for 2027-28
    - Committee will plan to meet 10/19 at 5:30pm at deb's firepit.
- HUD grant update
    - Grant committee has been asking a lot of questions and requesting more materials to submit. Fingers crossed that is a good sign and we'll get the grant. Winners will be notified sometime in October.
- VT Community Foundation grant – their focus is on local news and media outlets
    - Josh talked with someone from the foundation and thankfully they decided to send the library $6,000! Josh will need to go around the state and do a couple talks about how the library utilizes local news platforms.
    - Will need to use the money within a year – check has already come in!
    - Josh and the trustees will think of ways to utilize the money.
- Trunk or Treat ideas
    - Rec is putting this on Sunday, October 25
    - Ideas floated around: Monsters and Minions, Wizards and Witches, Where's Waldo?, Paw Patrol Dino movie
    - Do we need a trunk? Could have a backdrop of a spooky Haston Library or stacks of books?

Other Business/Member Concerns

- Haston Library tote bags are available for purchase - $20! What a steal!

Executive Session: None

Adjourned at 7:15pm.

Submitted by Lissy Bachelder.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 6pm in the library.

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