

August 27, 2026

Monthly Meeting of the Wardsboro Public Library Trustees

7:04 pm

Present: Patricia Rappazzo, Sheri Lewis, Marty Loftus, Karin Martin, Lizzie Ingraham

No members of the Public

New Items

Propane Purchase- Nido

Meeting Notes from July 23, 2026. Motion to receive-Sheri Lewis, Karina. All in favor- unanimous.

Motion to receive Treasurer's Report-- P. Rappazzo, Karina

Treasurer's Report

-Cash flow- received from 802 and Vermont Department of Agriculture. Other grants- summer reading grants were lost from the state due to an issue with the town audit, which may be resolved. We hope the Currier Grant for the interlibrary loan will be given to the WPL.

- Request for a \$100 increase for hats in the merchandise budget. The merchandise budget total is \$2,800. Request for specific expenditures- an extra \$100- no trustee vote needed.

-Discussed the Knox Box for fire dept access to all town-owned buildings and whether the town or the trustees will pay for it. The range is approximately \$75-\$400. No decision was made.

-Library Director's Budget

Old Business

-MERP update- longer closure due to toxic chemical exposure. Twenty-four hours closed once the work is completed. The weather and indoor space need to be dry.

-GTF insurance update/letter to selectmen talking points update-Karina and Marty attended the 8/25 meeting this week.

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns will be asked about the need for additional Insurance for the Gilfeather Festival, despite Michele stating that since the library is part of the town, no additional insurance is required. The team discussed the phrasing of the question for the VLCT. Vote of the "Draft for the Purpose of Discussion" regarding the question to the VLCT- all in favor- unanimous

To improve communication between the trustees and selectboard, Marty and Karina suggested that one member from each board meet quarterly. The outcome would be a meeting of both Trustees and Selectboard members. The first joint meeting will be in November.

-Grant/Audit/Federal Money- Changes to the reporting of money allotted to the town allowed the library's grants to be reinstated from the state.

-Volunteer Appreciation event update-

-The deck update- The group agreed the deck and renovations will continue to be discussed which could be part of our Strategic Plan. Another option is to utilize the Rural Development Community Visit, which could help guide and support us on planning and possible funding for these project.

-Painting update- none available

-Investment/banking update-Fidelity account opened with \$2,500

-Nido Fuel- \$39.95 charge for Nido's new Purchase Club, which allows for an 18-cent decrease in fuel cost per gallon as part of this new purchase club. Or, will we continue with pre-buy with Nido's, which allows for a 5% decrease in overall purchase price? Trustees agreed to continue with the pre-pay program.

New Business

-Thank you notes for GTF donations- question for Steve Herd.

-Rural Development Community Visit- September 17th, 2026. This is the correct date for this event, which was previously published as September 15th.

-Volunteer Recognition dates-Small committee of Trustees will be formed to discuss this event with Lizzie's guidance. Tentatively scheduled for November 19th, time to be determined.

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-Flatbread Company fundraiser- Karina applying for late September-early October date.

Move to adjourn at 8:55 pm Motion by Karina Martin.