

**Wardsboro Public Library  
Trustee Meeting Minutes  
July 23, 2026**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:05

**Trustees present:** Donna Fernandes, Mark Fernandes, Steve Herd, Lizzie Ingraham, Marty Loftus, Karina Martin. No members of the public

**Additions or changes to the agenda:** none

**Acceptance of minutes from June 2026:** Marty L made a motion to accept the June 29, 2026 meeting minutes as written, with a second from Karina M. Minutes approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marty L gave a monthly update on the budget. The appropriation from Stratton has not been received or entered into the budget yet. The Fourth of July duck race took in \$572.00, the book sale took in \$568.00

**Director's Report:** The fourth of July float and the giving away of books and candy to children was well received. We are having a problem with grant eligibility because of non-compliance with an audit with the town. An audit by an outside source should have been conducted for the fiscal year 2025. Since the audit was not conducted, we will have lost \$1200.00 in grant money. Marty will contact Michelle Hull with questions in reference to a resolution of this matter. This will be followed up by attendance at a selectboard meeting.

**Old Business:**

**MERP update:** Work has started downstairs in the library. Old insulation has been removed, and new installation will be installed this Sunday and Monday.

**GTF Insurance Update:** After some investigation into the matter, it has been determined that we cannot get any additional insurance for the Gilfeather Turnip Festival as the library is part of the town of Wardsboro and the town (and library) are already covered by a policy. Marty will send an email to the selectboard with this determination.

**New Business:**

**Book Sale:** Steve H will run this week's book sale on Saturday July 25, 2026. John Streeter volunteered to assist.

**Upstairs Clean up/ organization:** Marty purchased storage units for organizing upstairs. There is a cleanup scheduled for Thursday July 30 at 10:30.

**Building Maintenance:** Marty will contact Michelle Hall to ask about permits for building a deck. He will obtain any information about building rules, and any grants if available.

**Volunteer Appreciation:** An event is being planned to thank volunteers. It will be held on either October 1st or 8th. TBD Steve H will check into getting a bartending certification.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Donna with a second by Steve. Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Submitted July 27, 2026      Donna Fernandes (pending)