

**Wardsboro Public Library
Trustee Meeting Minutes
May 21,2026**

Meeting called to order: 7:04

Trustees present: Mark Fernandes (via Zoom), Donna Fernandes (via Zoom), Steve Herd, Lizzie Ingraham, Sheri Lewis, Marty Loftus, Karina Martin, Patty Rappazzo (via Zoom)

No members of the public

Changes/ additions to the agenda: Bugs in the wood in the barn area.
Book donation policy, deck

Acceptance of April 16, 2026, minutes. Marty L moved to accept the April 16 minutes as written with a second from Patty R. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Marty L gave a brief overview of the budget for this month. There is a \$10,000.00 positive cash flow. The building is now owned by the town, so \$8,000.00 for capital expenses was removed from the balance sheet.

Library Director's Report: Lizzie has plans for a summer reading program to be held on the third Thursday of each month. This will include a barbecue and games for families in the first week, followed by a potluck. The first will take place on June 18, 2026. We have obtained a Vermont Reads grant from VT Humanities that will pay for 3 speakers in the fall. Lizzie reported that the library has been receiving, on average, 30 patrons per day and that programs have been well-received by the community.

Old Business

Green-up Day: A thank-you to volunteers for putting on the Green-up Day BBQ. About 40 people attended.

Plant Sale: Marty gave a brief update. Volunteers and plants are all in place. Pricing will take place on the Friday before, and Marty will be in charge of tents. There will be a plant raffle which was donated by the school club. Donna agreed to sell tickets along with the baked goods. \$2.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00

Fourth of July: Will be driving the “Little Blue Truck” with characters walking beside it. Sheri L asked for money to cover costumes and decorations. Marty L made a motion to spend \$500.00 for the float with a second from Karina M. The motion was passed unanimously.

Book Sale Estate Books: Patty R will contact someone she knows in Wilmington and ask whether they would like the books as a donation. The collection will be held through July 4th, then we will look for a collector.

Annual Appeal: Response has been great, and the appeal is ahead of last year. Patty emailed 35 people on the list who donated last year. If we see these patrons have not responded, a letter will be sent to them. Marty will send an update on donors to Patty once a month.

MERP update: Mike McConnell has taken over for Annad. Electrical work will be done first. Then, insulation in about 2 weeks in the form of spray foam. The library will need to be evacuated for about 24 hours. EV chargers are scheduled to be put in the parking lot.

Bugs in the wood: Steve H had an exterminator, Caleb Miner, out to look at the wood in the barn, and it was determined that there are no bugs. There are, however, mice in the basement, so new traps were set.

New Business:

Book Sale on May 21: Sheri L will run the book sale until noon. A discussion was held about cleaning the bookstore

Book Donation Policy: A discussion was had about edits to the 2026 donation policy. We need to compile a list of items we will not accept.

Revision: Add “annual book sale” to “book sales”. A motion was made by Sheri to accept the revision with a second from Steve H. Motion passed unanimously.

Gilfeather Turnip Insurance Policy: The \$125.00 additional coverage policy mentioned at the selectboard meeting was for alcohol. Steve H checked into insurance last year at Ludlow Insurance Agency and was told by both the insurance company and Michelle Hull that we did not need it. Marty called Duane Tompkins about this issue but did not receive a response. We will go to the websites given to us by the selectboard about insurance and go from there.

Deck: Marty has agreed to orchestrate building of the outside deck. Sheri will contact Windham Regional Career Center to see about having them build the deck.

Cleaning Upstairs: Upstairs still needs to be finished with cleaning. A discussion was had about obtaining storage from Home Depot. Discussion tabled to next meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Made by Steve H.

Meeting adjourned: 8:42

Submitted 5/28/26 Donna Fernandes