

Hall Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

7:00 p.m.

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Peg Busse. In attendance: Peg Busse, Mary Blanchette, John Halloran, Anna Michalak, Christina Keune, Library Director Susan Phillips, YA Librarian and Assistant Director Ashley Dabbondanza, Reference Librarian Amanda Duhamel, and Recording Secretary/Bookkeeper Rhonda Villanova

II. Citizen's Forum

No citizens to speak

III. Deliberations on budget reductions

Chair Peg Busse summarized the impacts on the library from Board of Finance actions in response to the failed budget referenda. After her "impassioned" speech to the Board of Finance at the most recent round of deliberations, the most current proposed cut of \$40,000 was reduced to \$20,000 so as to not impact staffing. If the next budget vote fails, the additional \$20,000 cut will most likely be added back. Peg and Susan Phillips worked together to find areas to cut. Cutting Sunday hours was on the table, as was requesting additional funding from the Friends. The categories they found could be worked with were Contracted Services (\$2,400), Book Budget (\$14,600), and Programs (\$3,000) – totaling \$20,000.

The Board had a discussion about closing Sundays entirely. The majority of the board chose not to close Sundays.

Motion (Halloran), Seconded (Keune), to cut the requested budget by \$20,000, which includes Contracted Services by \$2,400, Programs by \$3,000, and the Book Budget by \$14,600; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

Motion (Blanchette), Seconded (Halloran), to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Rhonda Villanova  
Recording Secretary

