

Cobleigh Public Library Trustees' Meeting Minutes, submitted by M. Thomas
Date of meeting: 3/24/26 **Meeting called to order at 3:08 pm**

In Attendance: Kaitlin Wood; Sylvia Dodge; Susan Kuecker, Jessica Simpson, Mary Thomas.

Minutes of the February, 2026: Sylvia motioned to approve, Jessica seconded. Motion passed.

Recognize and thank former trustee Paula Pearce, who unfortunately could not attend.

Welcome new trustee, Susan Kuecker.

Elect Trustee Officer positions for the coming year:

Jessica Simpson, President; Sylvia motioned to elect, Mary seconded, approved.

Sylvia Dodge, Secretary; Mary motioned to elect, Susan seconded, approved.

Mary Thomas, Treasurer, Jessica motioned to elect, Susan seconded, approved.

Susan volunteered to be back-up for the position of Treasurer to learn the ropes. However only one person (and the President) can be listed with Edward Jones, which manages the investments, but the offer was welcomed by Mary.

Friends' Report – presented by Susan for Dorothy Allard

There was no Friends meeting in March.

Plant sale is tentatively scheduled for May 23 and 24, pending discussion of jumping worms problem.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Kaitlin

Budget is in good shape for the first quarter, due in part to prepaying several expenses with the money carried over from 2025. Kaitlin continues to work on squaring her figures on income and outgo with the figures from the Town Clerk's Office. She has cleared up several discrepancies. Some anomalies still exist between how expenses for the Bookmobile are presented in town records.

MERPA grant will fund window dressing on main floor, and a heat pump on main floor, in addition to LED lighting already installed throughout the Library.

Jessica will call Edward Jones to arrange a time that Treasurer-elect and President can get names on the books.

Director's Report – presented by Kaitlin Wood, Highlights:

Circulation statistics for February are up over last month.

New monthly program of Chair Yoga was very well attended: 38 participants.

Family and Adult programming continues to be very robust. A list is available on the website.

The appropriation from the town of Lyndon was approved: \$260,000. Additionally, appropriations from neighboring towns: Burke, East Haven, Kirby, Sheffield, Sutton, Newark and Wheelock, totaling \$9,200, were also approved.

The Library has opened the opportunity for local businesses to have their names displayed inside the Bookmobile in support of operations. StoneCrest Properties reached out with their support for a new computer inside the truck for Colleen.

An elevator inspection is scheduled for 3/26/26.

The HUD grant application for \$180,000 for elevator modernization has been submitted. We should know the outcome in the summer.

New Bookmobile should be up and running by May 1. Interior outfitting is under way.

There will be a gathering to celebrate the new Bookmobile in early May.

There has been an offer on the old book mobile (2013), which has been assessed at \$10,000. Another offer is pending.

Next Meeting and Adjournment: Tuesday, April 21, 3:00 pm. Tentative date for May is the 19th.

Mary motioned to adjourn at 4:37 pm., Jessica seconded. Motion approved..