

Moretown Community Library Board of Trustees Meeting
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January Meeting Agenda
March 17, 2026, 6:30

Attending: Bridget Harty (Treasurer), Sybil Schlesinger (Secretary), Pam Barnes, and April Shaw, Cory Stephenson (Librarian)

Absent: Erin Hunt (Chair)

Meeting Called to Order at 6:38pm

Reading: None

Public Comment: None

Secretary's Notes:

MOTION to approve the January 6, 2026 meeting minutes by Sybil. Seconded by Pam.

Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

-Bridgete went over the budget, noting the Town approved the budget for 2026. There is a surprise building maintenance fund of \$12,000, a one-time cash infusion. Normally, the Library gets \$1500. Bridgete noted that this amount might be for all the town buildings. She will talk to Don to clarify. The Trustees want to follow up with Cory on what building needs might be met using this funding.

*Pam noted that it might be good to ask Warren about issues they've had as they are also in the former Town Hall building.

Librarian's Report:

We reviewed Cory's report. The Bear Haiku program is also being promoted by the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce and is coming up. Last year we had 30 submissions. The Peeps dioramas are coming and travel to each library. Trivia nights are on-going. This will be a 6th annual seed swap. Joslin Library will host a speaker on shipwrecks. Braver Angels is doing a workshop at Joslin. Moretown is going to try family Yoga again. A community member is going to do pet portraits with water colors. Mad Birders are doing Birding by Ear and there is also an up-coming nature writing workshop.

This summer's programming theme is "Unearth the Story." Dino man and the VT Natural History Museum are already involved, and Cory is working on adding a Wild Clay two-part workshop.

Cory is also working on speeding up the audio check outs. April added that the trend is higher usage for audio over e-books. Because circulation is about even for print and electronics, Cory would like to make purchasing of these resources more equalized.

Cory is turning over grant writing to Cherilyn.

The Tri-town Trustees meeting will be April 29th at 5:30 at Joslyn. *=item we wish to discuss at this meeting.

Matter's Arising:

Board Trustee Term Expectations:

-Pam Barnes and April Shaw were elected to one-year terms. Sybil Schlesinger was elected to a 3-year term. Bridgete is currently serving the second year of her 3-year term and needs to run again in 2027. Erin Hunt resigned effective this evening. We do need a replacement. April will look up the letter Erin wrote that recruited Pam and post on FPF.

Trustee Officers:

_Bridgete motioned for April Shaw to take over as Chair, Bridgete will continue as Treasurer and Sybil as Secretary. Seconded by Sybil. Passed unanimously. We will revisit the officers when we have our fifth person.

Policy Update:

-We decided to wait to determine what to do with the policies. We want to clean up the document before our next meeting as well as Erin was not able to do this. April will take a look at this document as well.

*We would like to bring this up at the tri-town meeting as well.

Strategic Bridge Plan:

-The Strategic Bridge ran from 2023 to 2026. We assume that "bridge" referred to moving into the Town Hall building. We would like Cory to review the goals so we can go over them in more detail at our May meeting. We could make creating a new 3-year Strategic Plan the goal of our July retreat. One consideration is promoting the Town Hall for use external use.

Create/sign a letter of support for our HUD grant application that is due 3/31:

Cory shared a draft letter of support. We suggest adding “ADA compliance for accessibility and life/safety. . .” so “the building can continue to serve all residents. . .”

The Trustees agreed to sign this letter of support. Motion by Sybil, Seconded by Pam and passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30pm. Double check with Cory.

Bridgete moved to adjourn at 7:44pm. Seconded by Pam.