

Moultonborough Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 19, 2026

**Present:** John Buckley, Chair; Sally Bartlett, Vice Chair; Sherry Wakefield, Treasurer; Nancy Cole, Peter Olsen, Jack Weekes; Kim Lefebvre, Alternate; Bob LaFlamme, Alternate; Brittany Durgin, Library Director.

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**Review and approval of minutes:** There was some discussion about the amount of detail needed for minutes. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Sherry and seconded by Jack. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** Sherry reported that there are no present concerns and that we are tracking our anticipated expenditures. Sherry and Brittany have been working with the town finance representative to iron out procedural issues and differences in accounting such as health insurance costs for employees and biweekly versus monthly discrepancies. They both report we are making progress in resolving these issues. Sally then motioned for acceptance of the Treasurer's report, John seconded, unanimously approved.

There was a motion to accept \$209 in cash gifts by Jack and seconded by Nancy. All approved and the motion carried.

**Library Director's report:**

1. Brittany and her staff have done a great job identifying, applying for and receiving grants.
  - a. There will be a screening and discussion of the documentary "The American Revolution", by Ken Burns, on April 29, and then on July 25<sup>th</sup> the Historical Society will sponsor an event commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country.
  - b. There was discussion of a possible grant that could be used to soundproof the McCue and small study room. If the grant won't cover modifications, we should still pursue other avenues to accomplish this.
2. Statistics. Nothing unusual noted. Numbers are commensurate with previous reports.
3. The tax program is quite popular with the schedule being totally booked.
4. A building committee meeting needs to be scheduled.

**Youth Services report:** submitted.

**Presentation on Heritage Room:** Presentation was postponed in lieu of a celebration and thank you to John Buckley. The Board will purchase and make available "100 Hikes of a Lifetime" from National Geographic in honor of John's love of travel and advocacy of the outdoors. John's many years of service to the Library as both trustee Chairperson and Board Member are noteworthy and much appreciated.

**Budget Presentation to Town:** There was discussion on who should be present during the warrant article review and approval at the Town Meeting. The meeting will be held after the election, however, it was felt that for continuity, it would be best if John could be present to answer questions and advocate. Brittany will also attend. There are two articles related to the

capital reserve that may be confusing, so Brittany and John can explain if necessary. The article related to changing the intent of the fund to include technology, that has since been pulled from the warrant, may be addressed with advice from legal in the future.

**Committee & Liaison Reports:**

Personnel: An offer has been made to a candidate for the substitute librarian position. The individual was well qualified.

Technology: The upgrade for accessibility features in the program room has been completed. Good feedback has already been received.

Grounds: Kim received a proposal from Bartlett for fertilizing and feeding select trees and shrubs. We are holding off on accepting to ensure we are not duplicating services from Miracle Farms. There is a walk-through of the grounds scheduled for April.

Building: Replacement of the air handler by Control Technologies is complete. A plan for improved lighting for the building and sign is being developed. Radon in the new basement area is above the recommended EPA cutoff. Brittany is developing a mitigation plan with expected cost being approximately \$2,000. We will use trustee funds for this and then the capital improvement funds will reimburse the trustee fund.

Friends: Chocolate Fare was a success. The Friends will resume meetings in March.

**New business:** None.

**Old business:** At the public budget hearing for the town, the topic of revenue generation by charging non-taxpayers was brought up again. This was not specific for, but could include the library. Data is available and we need to develop our position on this for the future. Brittany reported that the proposed state legislation HB 1214, was deemed inexpedient to legislate.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am on a motion by Sherry, seconded by Peter, and approved by all.

**The next Trustee meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 9:00 am.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Lefebvre