

The Moultonborough Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 21, 2026

Present: Sally Bartlett, Chair; Nancy Cole, Vice Chair; Sherry Wakefield, Treasurer; Jane Harrington; Bob LaFlamme; Peter Olsen; Jessie Gray, Alternate; Brittany Durgin, Library Director.

Sally called the meeting to order at 9:02am. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 9:03 for the purpose of receiving public input on the acceptance of a Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the American Library Association. With no public comment and after a brief conversation by the trustees, Jane made a motion to accept the grant, seconded by Nancy, unanimously approved.

The public hearing was adjourned at 9:06am.

The monthly trustees meeting was called to order at 9:07am after, following the public hearing.

Review and approval of the April minutes: Sherry made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bob, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: It was noted that overall we are at 73% of budget expense at 10 months (83%) through the fiscal year. Sherry noted that there was a \$16 donation this month. Nancy made a motion to accept the donation, Bob seconded, all approved.

Jane moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Bob seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

Brittany mentioned that she and Sally met with the town about future donations to the library. All donations, including those obtained by the town and intended for the library, to be sent directly to the library unless some requirement prohibits it. The town Trustees of Trust Funds agreed.

Director's Report: Brittany stated that the library was awarded the \$10,000 grant mentioned above. A community forum was conducted on May 13, 2026 to ask for input on how to use the funds. Approximately 10 suggestions were presented and they are being evaluated. Money needs to be spent by April 2027.

Brittany announced that the library will be receiving a free sunscreen dispenser and a first bottle of sunscreen. The Moultonborough Lions club has agreed to fund additional sunscreen this year.

Unfortunately, our application for a \$15,000 grant to soundproof the library's small study space, the Nancy McCue room and partially the program was denied. We will continue to look for funding for this initiative.

The town has approved our request to utilize the parking lot, cones for repurposing parking spaces and the use of tents without stakes for the book sale July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The town offices will not close early on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Feedback from a community member asking if a second handicap space could be added was received. While we comply with the requirement of 1 handicap space for each 25 spaces, the town added a second space near the front steps.

Brittany and the Building Committee are continuing to review quotes for another air handler replacement. Expect to make a selection shortly.

Youth Services Report : available online.

Committee Reports:

PERSONNEL: At 10:05 am a motion was made by Bob LaFlamme to enter non-public session to discuss a personnel hire, seconded by Jane Harrington. At 10:13am a motion was made by Bob LaFlamme to exit non-public session, seconded by Sherry Wakefield, motion passed.

TECHNOLOGY: The town has requested that the library include Computers, Technology and Furniture in its operating budget rather than use the existing library capital fund or create another capital fund for this purpose. The Trustees will explore adding a technology line in the operating budget that will be funded every year, and look to begin staggering the replacement of the technology.

ART: Nothing new to add.

BUILDING: Brittany and Bob are working with contractors to replace the hot water heater in the older building. So far that effort hasn't resulted in written proposals that could be considered. More research is needed.

New lighting (proposal approved at last month's meeting) scheduled to be installed on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

LANDSCAPE: No update this month.

FRIENDS: It was recommended that the trustees help advertise, volunteer for and support the upcoming Friends fundraiser Coffee and Cars scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bob LaFlamme moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:57am. Sherry seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

The next Trustee meeting will be on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter Olsen