

Quechee Library Association Trustees Mtg 6/8/26

Present: Tommy Bauch, President; David Izzo, Treasurer; Debbie Marcus, Secretary; Mark Bradley, Trustee; Anne Clemens, Trustee, Sue Fosdick, Trustee; Erika Wetzel, Trustee, Dena Marger, Library Director; Bob Hamlin, Observer.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Minutes from the 5/11/26 meeting, taken by Tommy, had been distributed previously. Anne entered a motion to approve the Minutes; Sue seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: There has been some financial impact from the building issues, and more will be coming in June and into July. The drywall contractor is expected to complete installation before the Balloon Fest Book Sale. The bills for the plumbing company and the drywall contractor have not been received, and it is recommended we draw some funds from the investment accounts to cover repairs and provide a cushion until the Town check arrives in August.

Compared to last year at this time, revenue is up a little. Collection expenses are down. Total expenditures are down 6%, but it is expected we will be above budget at the end of FY (June 30, 2026) and exceed last year's expenses.

Work is beginning on creating the FY27 budget, and input is welcome on some budget lines such as review of priorities and expectations of services and employee compensation. We should be looking at what a modern library needs vs. the status quo, especially in terms of the collection and evaluating electronic resources compared to traditional books.

Debbie entered a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Erika seconded. All approved.

Director's Report: The website's book group details have been updated. Bugbee Library Days have been moving along with good collaboration. The program with the Geneologist had mixed results: the Memoir writing event at midday had poor attendance; the evening event on Cemetery Sleuthing, held at WCL was well-attended.

Summer reading kickoff is Wed 6/24 at 3:30 pm, which coincides with QPL'S story time. The theme is National Parks and Outdoor adventures. Chris has lined up Park Rangers and is creating a wide array of materials. A college student volunteer is being interviewed to supply additional staff. The \$350 grant from the

state was acknowledged, but the check was not yet been received. This \$\$ will be utilized for the summer reading closing event in August.

WCL Trustees did not meet in May; email communications concerned one line item in the new agreement which Dena will initiate follow-up.

QPL continues to be short-staffed, but volunteers who winter elsewhere are returning. A circulation staff meeting is planned for 6/15, and all parties can review best practices with Dena. She plans regular staff/volunteer meetings throughout the year.

There are 14 applicants for the Asst. Librarian position. Dena and Sue F are working to schedule screening interviews and timeline for hiring.

Dena will add circulation stats and resend the Director's Report.

Old/New Business:

The lawn mower battery has been found and the teen who mowed last year will continue mowing. We should purchase a back-up battery and charging station.

We may pursue hiring a part-time bookkeeper. Dave and Anne will work to determine which of Dave's current tasks should be retained by the Treasurer and which could be bookkeeper tasks.

We reviewed the Building concerns: the electric panel downstairs has been fixed; the outside sill cock will be fixed this week; the drywall in the basement will be installed before the Book Sale. Volunteers are needed to prime the drywall, move shelves, and move books. Dave will coordinate.

The drainage issue remains. We will likely need a larger excavator up to 13' vs. the 11' which failed to locate any pipes. Anne will pursue the pipe location aggressively with the town and have the town investigate via the inspection location in the street. We should also ask QLLA if they have any plans that might show this location.

The Balloon Fest Book Sale is normally headed up by the Friends. Building a stronger relationship with the Friends and finding ways for the Trustees and Friends to interface is highly recommended.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2026. The July meeting is the QPL Annual Meeting. We will conduct the election of officers and conduct an executive session focused on compensation of staff. Tommy will review the trustee terms of office.

Motion to adjourn: Entered by Dave; seconded by Anne. All approved.
5:50pm.

