

Quechee Library Trustees Meeting 1/12/2026

Present: Tommy Bauch, President; David Izzo, Treasurer; Debbie Marcus, Secretary; Anne Clemens, Trustee; Erika Wetzel, Trustee; Sue Fosdick, Trustee, Mark Bradley, Trustee, Robert Hamlin, Observer; Michaela Lavelle, Library Director

Tommy opened the meeting at 5:00 pm. **Minutes** from the 12/8/25 meeting had been distributed previously. Dave entered a motion to approve the Minutes; Sue seconded. All approved.

Public Comment: Bob H wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Treasurer: This month's activity report covers the first half of the 2025-2026 fiscal year, July 1 - Dec 31. Financially we are where we should be and a little plus on the revenue side. This will help with the building expenses expected in the 2nd half of the fiscal year. The account balances (Dec 31) do not show the \$3,300 in donations received and deposited in the first week of January. On Dec 29, 2025 the treasurer's access to the Bar Harbor Bank account was unexpectedly shut off. It has been a challenge to get this rectified. This remained unresolved by 1/12/26.

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

Director's Report: Circulation data is about even with last year at this time. NYT online usage is up. Carole McNamee is the new artist in residence and an adult workshop is planned for 2/19. Cozy Book Group has started with 5 attendees. The other book groups are well-attended. The "Meet Your Neighbor" morning had 10 participants and was warmly received. Plumbing issues, especially with the downstairs toilet, required attention from Jerm's Plumbing, snaking but not scoping the lines, and a \$600 bill. Seeking an alternative plumber may be considered. The Wilder Club and Library contract comes up for renewal in April. This needs to be approved by both boards. Samples of potential changes were sent by email to the trustees. The current contract needs to be reviewed and amended with clarifications on some QPL responsibilities vs. WCL responsibilities. Poem Town Hartford will return in 2026: open for submissions on Feb 1.

Michaela announced her 3 month notice, as she will be moving to the Midwest where her partner has accepted a new job. Michaela will put together job description materials. Tommy and Debbie will meet with Michaela to finalize the job description and the plan for its public posting. Everyone congratulated Michaela on her work on behalf of QPL and wished her well.

Erika entered a motion to approve the Director's Report; Dave seconded. All approved the report.

Old/New Business: Anne suggested the Strategic Plan activities be put on hold until the new director is hired. Then the new director can resume and direct the process. Anne also suggested that the policy updates should proceed without delay.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2026.

Motion to adjourn: Entered by Dave; seconded by Sue. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.