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Whitingham Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026 5:35 pm

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order 5:35pm.

Note there was not a meeting in January.

Attendance:
Director: Kristine Sweeter
Trustees: Mark Halverson, Wendy Sergeant, Judy Bernard, Tanya Bernard, Shandell Soumar

Public Comment:
No public comments.

Approval of Minutes:
Wendy Sergeant made a motion to approve the December minutes. Shandell Soumar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

See attached report.

Discussions

Bingo Event:
A tentative date of Sunday, April 19, was discussed. The Board will seek donations and baskets for raffle items and prizes.

Town Meeting Preparation:
Preparation for Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, is underway.

Professional Development:
Kristine attended a Nonprofit Communication Workshop and reported that it was informative and beneficial.

Old Home Week (July 24–25):
The library will participate with both a tent and a parade float. The theme will be *The Wild Robot*, inspired by the popular children's book.
Discussion included borrowing a tractor and trailer, as well as decoration needs.

Library Deck & Awning Project:

The Selectboard has approved the library deck project. The Board is now obtaining bids for construction and installation of an awning. It was confirmed that sufficient funds are available in the designated account to finance the project.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to address a personnel-related matter.

Shandell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21pm. Wendy seconded, all approved. The next meeting is March 4, 2026 @ 5:30pm.

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Director's Report
Kristine Sweeter
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- **Programming:**
  Adult Craft Group – 3rd Thursday
  Yoga Mondays 6 pm – in person
  Book Group 2nd Wednesday 5 pm
  Homeschool Group – Mondays 9-12 @ J'ville Church

- **Specials:**
  February 26th Pizza & Movie

- **Finances: 2025-2026 Fiscal Year**
  - Account balance: M&T Money Mkt: $75,524
  - Deposits: 12/18 $525, 12/22 $515, 12/29 $720, 1/8 $2705, 1/29 $235
  Total Annual appeal - $13,225 / Goal $8,525

- Town Meeting: Tuesday March 3, 2026

- **Misc.**
  Attended workshop: Non-Profit Communications
  Annual VT State Report submitted
  Summer performance grant submitted $350
  Library deck, awning request for bid process