3-4-2026 DRAFT

Whitingham Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes

Date: March 4, 2026

Attendance:
Director: Kristine Sweeter
Trustees: Mark Halverson, Shandell Soumar, Wendy Sergeant, Judy Bernard, Angie Dornburgh
GTanya Bernard

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Wendy Sergeant made a motion to approve the February 2026 meeting minutes with a correction to the date (changing 2025 to 2026). Shandell Soumar seconded the motion. All approved.

Trustee Leadership Terms

Tanya Bernard moved to reappoint Mark Halverson as Chair and Wendy Sergeant as Secretary for a new term. Wendy Sergeant seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Director's Report

Director Kristine Sweeter presented the Director's Report. See attached report.

Discussion Items

Family Bingo – Sunday, April 19
Trustees discussed the upcoming Family Bingo event. Donations of themed baskets are being requested. Letters were distributed to trustees to help solicit donations from community members and local businesses.

Plant Swap – Saturday, May 30
The library will host a Plant Swap and is seeking donations of seeds and plants. The Halifax Seed Swap scheduled for March 14, 2026 was noted as a potential opportunity to obtain donated seeds or plants.

Blueberry Festival – Friday, July 31
Planning for the Blueberry Festival has begun. Vendors are being sought. It was noted that space will be free, and community members may also use tables for yard-sale style items.

Old Home Week – July 24–26
Trustees discussed the library float concept for Old Home Week. The theme will be *The Wild Robot*. Ideas included creating tree-themed costumes and designing a robot costume for the parade.

Correspondence

Thank-you letters were provided to the Secretary to complete and mail.

Adjournment

Shandell Soumar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at **6:11 PM**. Angie Dornburgh seconded the motion. All approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **April 1, 2026**. A reminder will be sent at the beginning of that week.

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Director's Report
Kristine Sweeter
March 4, 2026

- **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:**
  Family Bingo – Sunday April 19th
  Plant Swap – Saturday May 30th or June 4th
  Halifax Community Club – (Bonnie Brown) Beech Leaf Disease – TBD
  Blueberry Festival Friday July 31st

- **Finances: 2025-2026 Fiscal Year**
  - Account balance: M&T Money Mkt: $77,312
  - Deposits: 2/12 $400, 3/4 $$260
  Total Annual appeal - $13,690 / FYTD $15,235/ Goal $8,525

- **Town Meeting:** Tuesday March 3, 2026
  Budget passed Whitingham & Halifax

- **Staff**
  Kristine
  webinar – 3/5 Vermont Space Grant Consortium Library STEM grant information session
  The objective of the library grant program is to increase STEM engagement capacity at the community level across Vermont by providing public libraries with up to $1,000 to deliver high quality programs.

  in person – Montpelier 5/18 Information Literacy: Skills-based training for Library Staff
  The American Library Association defines information literacy as the ability to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information." While librarians regularly engage with this on some level, it can be a challenge to keep information literacy skills well-honed and to effectively apply them.

  Kristine & Lisa
  Halifax School March 25th CPR Training w/ WINGS

- **Misc.**
  Library deck, awning request for bid process
  Old Home Week 7/24-7/26
  7/24 – Library Tent 12-5
  7/25 – Parade