

Town of Kensington
Public Library Trustee Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2026

Minutes

Present: Susie Gilbert, Director; Susan Bascom, Trustee and Chairperson; Matthew Dow, Trustee and Treasurer; Amanda Morrill, Trustee and Secretary

Meeting called to order: 4:30 pm

January minutes approved

Statistics:

January visits on par from last year, partly due to higher event count. Physical circulation, museum visits, and ILL down from last year. Streaming up from last year.

Budget: Quickbooks report reviewed, on track with budget. Susie found a Kensington resident with Quickbooks experience to troubleshoot separating accounts for monthly reports.

Past events:

- Feb 18th "Redcoats and Rebels" in person: 15 in attendance
- Currently booking summer reading programs and events
- After school events going well

Upcoming events:

- March 4th Jane Oneail virtual event rescheduled from January
- March 8th Jeffrey Zygmunt "Robert Frost" in person 3pm
- March 25th Dave Alcox "Unpacking the Declaration of Independence" in person 5:30pm
- Lining up summer reading program entertainers and programs

Ongoing Business:

-Town audit is next week- Quickbooks reports sent to Kathy

-Addition update: Deliberative session- architect Ron in attendance to help answer questions.

FAQ section added to KPL website

Social Trustees drafted a statement for the website to address questions about excess funds in the event that the project comes in under budget

-Friends of KPL meeting from January: Agreed to \$30,000 donation for addition. Approved \$300 museum pass to Strawberry Banke.

Dawn (grant writer) applying for CDFA Community Development Finance Authority program and several other grants

-Work from Home Policy draft reviewed, edits made

New Business:

- Met with Wren Hayes from Building Block Commons, Jr high and HS students from their campus in Exeter will be moving to Eastman's Corner. Looking to partner with the library for community service projects.

Next meeting: Wednesday March 25nd 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:20