

Town of Kensington
Public Library Trustee Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2026

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

Meeting called to order: 4:35 pm

July minutes approved

Statistics:

Visits up from last month and last year. Physical circulation and total circulation up from last month, down from last year; streaming down from last month and last year. Museum passes down and ILL steady.

Budget: Quickbooks report reviewed, on track with budget.

Past events:

-Summer reading ice cream social August 13th 25 present. Reading program participants totaled 93 kids, 52 adults and 25 teens. Brainstormed new ideas for next year, ice cream at beginning of reading program? Library table at old home days?

-Friends Annual Book and Bake Sale Saturday August 8th - \$363 in books, \$118.75 in baked goods.

Upcoming events:

- September 16th Jane Oneail on Norman Rockwell at 7pm via zoom
- September 30th Kiki Berk on AI at the Universalist Church at 5:30pm

Ongoing Business:

-Addition update:

July 27th select board mtg- re: getting variance on septic system. Select board deferred decision to the planning board. Mr. Wu presented figures on similar sized towns vs. square footage of their libraries.

Aug 19th planning board mtg- re: variance for septic system. Architect Steve redesigned plans to place a new well on the front lawn which would require only a variance from the town for its placement near the street.

Reviewed the lease agreement between the town of Kensington and the Social Trustees, signed July 13, 2026 by Elaine Kaczmarek, Social Trustees President, and Sara Hamilton, Selectboard Chair. Questions arose re: insurance coverage and the role of the Public Trustees as viewed by the Selectboard. Susie will contact Kathy Felch and Elaine Kaczmarek to clarify insurance coverage for the library. Susan will contact Selectboard to request a meeting to clarify terms of the lease and how this impacts the role of the Public Trustees, who are elected by the town and operate under RSA 202-A.

-Olive Lovvik is completing her Girl Scout project, presented July 30th at Exeter YMCA with Susie. Presentation was well received, good suggestions on companies who may contribute for CDFA grant. Final event is Aug 23rd showing "Finding Nemo" at 2:30pm

-Policies: Volunteer policy- will review next meeting

New Business:

Library hours- not getting traffic after 5pm. Will continue to monitor and revisit after the winter.

Next meeting: Thursday September 23rd 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm