

Town of Kensington
Public Library Trustee Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Minutes Approved

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

March minutes approved

Statistics:

March visits up from last month and year. Physical circulation increased from last month, on par from last year; total circ, museum visits, streaming increased from last month and last year. ILL more borrowed, less loaned out.

Budget: Quickbooks report reviewed, on track with budget.

Most book ordering from Water Street and Ingram, less ordering from Amazon.

Dana's notary stamp reregistration fee \$75 and \$115 once approved.

Past events:

- March 25th Dave Alcox "Unpacking the Declaration of Independence" in person 10 people
- April 11th Julie Cyr needle felting 8 people
- April 15th Jane Oneail (virtual) "Masters of Glass" 21 viewers; event recorded and link sent to those who had signed up but unable to attend
- April 22nd Lisa Doherty of M&T Bank "Understand your credit score" 1 attendee

Upcoming events:

- May 6th "Mason Jar Luminaries" 2-3pm
- May 13th David Alcox "Big Watch" 5-7pm with refreshments; grant received by NH humanities for \$150 to go towards cost
- May 16th Heirloom tomato seedling sale 9a-1p on the front lawn, tomatoes available after
- May 20th Jeffrey Zygmunt "America's birth in stirring words" 5:30-6:30

After school kids programs are going well. Lining up summer reading programs, requests for prize donations sent out to local businesses

Ongoing Business:

-Addition update: Tuesday meeting with reps from CDFA (Community Development Funding Authority) re: grant application

Tuesday evening meeting with grange trustees and selectboard- proposed to move library operations to the grange during construction. Dialogue will continue between selectman and library trustees

-Policies: Volunteer policy and application reviewed, will gather more information from other local libraries

-Susie and Susan registered to attend NHLTA conference May 27th in Manchester, Elaine Kaczmarek to join as well.

-Museum passes- continue to grow after COVID. Friends of KPL paid for these this year, questioning whether infrequently used passes should be dropped. Will monitor renewal dates for Peabody Essex Museum, Museum of Science, and Museum of fine arts and discuss usage again prior to renewing.

New Business:

-Ian O'Reilly is going to be liaison between selectboard and trustees, including him on meeting agenda and minutes.

Next meeting: Thursday May 28th 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm