

Town of Kensington
Public Library Trustee Special Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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Present: Susie Gilbert, Director; Susan Bascom, Trustee and Chairperson; Matthew Dow, Trustee and Treasurer; Amanda Morrill, Trustee and Secretary; Sara Hamilton, Selectboard Chair; Elaine Kaczmarek, Social Trustee Chair

Meeting called to order: 4:35 pm

Meeting held in response to 8/31/26 letter from Selectboard to Planning Board. Selectboard sought legal counsel to determine how and who should present written notification for the library addition's site plan application to the Planning Board. (see attached)

Per Sara Hamilton, Social trustees could present it as private organization not public use, however it would be easier to navigate variances if it is government use.

This will be completed by way of formal application stating that the library is government use.

Elaine clarified that architect Steve has already completed the application and will present to planning board, ideally at the October 15th meeting.

Motion made by Matthew Dow to accept clarification of role and responsibilities of the public trustees as outlined in attached letter from the selectboard.

Motion seconded by Susan Bascom

Motion accepted by Unanimous vote by public trustees

Discussed the idea of scheduling an informational meeting for the public, with the goal of presenting information to clear up misconceptions and giving the public the opportunity to voice concerns. Ideally to be held at KES and moderated by Harold Bragg. Architect Steve, public and social trustees to be present to answer questions. Public trustees agree on Sept 29th for meeting.

Next steps- Susie will find availability of the school and Harold for Tuesday Sept 29th, Elaine to check on Steve's availability.

Zeke Schmois is working on energy estimates for the proposed new building, Susie to reach out and see if these will be ready for the public trustees to review at next meeting Sept 22nd and subsequently present on Sept 29

Elaine will see about getting on the agenda for the planning board meeting October 15th

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm