

**Vernon Free Library Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2026**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cassie Sailsman, Chair  
Julie Nevins, Vice-Chair  
Kristin Bratton, Clerk  
Nikki Deyo, Secretary

**STAFF:**

Jean Carr, Library Director

**GUESTS:**

Erin Harris

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Cassie Sailsman called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

**OPEN MEETING—PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Julie Nevins moved to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2025 regular meeting as written.** Nikki Deyo seconded. The motion carried 3-0. 1 Abstention

**Kristin Bratton moved to accept the minutes of January 14, 2026 as corrected. Julie Nevins seconded.** The motion carried 3-0. 1 Abstention

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

ANNUAL APPEAL brought in \$475 of online for a total of \$1195

FINANCIAL REPORT not available

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Review Articles for Annual Town Meeting March 2nd**

Prepare for the annual town meeting for Article 5 for voters to appropriate the sum of \$169,612 to be raised for taxes for administration of the Vernon Free Library. Nikki to speak on Trustee

behalf.

Article 6 to elect a Library Trustee to fill the expired term of three years through Town Meeting of March 2029. Cassie to speak on Trustee behalf.

### **Grant Information**

US Treasury Capital Project Fund for Libraries. Meeting on the 16th with a contractor to have a look at the library looked at for the purchase of mini splits. Waiting to hear back from the prior year's contractor on the quotes to replace windows and add an automatic door. We are on the agenda for the Selectboard Meeting on the 17th for their feedback. Cassie to attend. Julie and Nikki on standby to assist as needed.

Application is due on the 31st

### **Gift Fund Policy**

All trustees have reviewed documents.

**Kristin Bratton moved to approve the updated Vernon Free Library General Operations with the revised Gift Fund Policy. Julie Nevins seconded. The motion carried 4-0.**

### **Correspondence updates with BML Trustee**

All trustees are to refer to ListServ for resources for future posting of Library positions.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Nikki Deyo moved to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee. 1 V.S.A. 313 (3)(a)(3) with the Library Director and public guest- Erin Harris. Julie Nevins seconded. Carried 4-0.**

The Trustees entered into executive session at 6:39 PM.

The Trustees left the Executive Session at 6:59 PM. No decisions were made during the Executive Session.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION:**

The next regular meeting of the Vernon Free Library Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 5:45 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting.

**A motion was made by Kristin Bratton to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Nikki Deyo. Carried 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Deyo, Secretary