

**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 February 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 February 17th for their feedback. Cassie to attend. Julie and Nikki on standby to assist as needed.

Application is due on the March 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