

# Easton Library Board Meeting

February 24, 2026 @ 6:38 PM

**In Attendance:** Jennifer DeCarlo, Cindy Bulger, Patricia McFee, Linda Borden, Beth Bulman, Mary Barnhart, Kevin Sheehan, Abby Henderson, Dick Brownell

**Public comments:** none

**Minutes from the Previous meeting:** Motion for approval by Linda, seconded by Kevin

**President's Report:** Board Members have been very busy on various projects

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Patricia motioned to approve the warrants; Linda seconded. Vote to approve the warrants passed.

Reviewed the 2026 operational budget

Cindy notes she is working on the Annual Reporting financials with assistance from Peter Reid and Jennifer DeCarlo, awaiting the new reporting system from SALs to finalize

Cindy updated the board on the State Financial System Pre-Qualification approval.

Requirements have been submitted for the issuance of grant funding, and the application is awaiting full approval.

Treasurer's report was received

## **Director's Report:**

- Cindy, Linda, Mary, and Beth met with Senator Jake Ashby and Assemblyman Scott Bendett during office hours at Burton Hall, followed by a library visit
- Neighborhood Book Club remains active. The book pick of the month was *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.
- Kim Bolan visited the library on February 9th, met with Linda, Cindy, Beth, and Mary
- The US Department of Energy's 2026 Fuel Guide can be found on our website on the Community Resource page.

## **Old Business:**

5-year plan- Draft presented by Mary, Linda, and Jennifer for approval. Linda makes the motion to accept the 5-year plan, and Abby seconds

-Board suggests that the word "new" be scratched from Goal 3.2

-Suggestion to review April annually, and begin writing the next 5-year plan in April of 2030

-Mary will edit and send it to Jennifer for publication on the website

Nominating Committee:

Marti Ellermann has been nominated for the 7-year term

Wendy McKernon has been nominated for the 3-year term

-Mary and Linda will request a bio from each nominee

Patricia signed the notice of Construction Letter, which will be mailed via certified mail to the neighbor to the North

Abby presented information on DHYPSNY Grants; the board approved applying for their Foundational Planning Assistance

Jennifer will approach community members about joining an archival committee

**New Business:**

Press Release- Abby will contact Paul for images to accompany the Press Release and send it to media contacts as soon as possible

The Donor Appreciation Letter was read

NYS Annual Report- Jennifer will notify the board upon completion, and a special meeting will be planned for approval

Equal Opportunity Policy was presented for approval- Kevin moves to approve, seconded by Patricia

Signatures for the Tax Levy have been collected. Cindy will deliver to the Greenwich CSD

Jennifer reported on the need for a Personnel Policies Committee for 2026. It will be required for the next NY State Annual Report.

Mary Motions to adjourn the meeting, and Cindy Seconds.

**NEXT MEETING:** Annual Meeting Set for March 24, 2026