

Dublin Public Library Board Of Trustees

Minutes of Meeting 08/25/2026 (DRAFT)

Attending: Linda Abram (Chair), Julie Rizzo, Kathy Nichols, Chris Sprague, Waddy Rowe, Maureen Hulslander, Ramona Branch

Absent: Lawrence Graves, Emaline Bergeron (Director), Will Elcoate (alternate)

Meeting Start: The Chair began the meeting at 5:01 pm.

MINUTES

- Motion made/seconded by R. Branch/K. Nichols to approve minutes of 08/12/2026 meeting minutes as written. **Motion passed.**
- Motion made/seconded by K. Nichols/L. Abram to approve minutes of 08/12/2026 public meeting as written to accept the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club donation. **Motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT - K. NICHOLS

- Selectmen's budget meeting scheduled for **November 9.**
- Warrant article requests must be submitted by **November 1.**
- Anonymous donation of **\$1,000** received for the 125th Anniversary Fund.
- Total raised to date: **\$28,344.**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - W. ROWE

- Spoke with the Director regarding communication and point-of-contact expectations.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES - C. SPRAGUE

Discussion focused on next-phase fundraising for the 125th Anniversary:

1. Fundraising Options as follows:

- Fall gala in 2026 is no longer feasible.
- Smaller open houses within the library.
- Series of small gatherings in private homes.

2. Friends of DPL Coordination

- Trustees should meet with The Friends to clarify year-end fundraising intentions to avoid confusing the donors.
- It is the Trustees' understanding that the Friends' fundraising efforts focus on operating budget support, and not on the likes of capital improvements or fundraising initiatives such as the 125th Anniversary.

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3. Solicitation List

- Trustees will review the donor solicitation spreadsheet and add initials next to individuals they can contact.
- The deadline for review is **September 1st**.
- Add names of prior Trustees, prior Friends, and donors to the 2000 addition made to the Library.
- Chris will obtain a list of new residents from Town Hall.
- Kathy will compile a list of former Trustees and Friends.
- The full group will reconvene on **September 8th at 5:00 PM** to identify potential event hosts.

4. Website:

- Trustees agreed not to expand the website with additional video segments. The current content is sufficient for donor engagement.

FRIENDS UPDATE

- For more on the latest Friends' monthly meeting, refer to the Final Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2026.
- Trustees discussed Friends' year-end appeal and alignment with operating needs (e.g., book orders, Windows 11 upgrade, professional development, etc.)

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - L. GRAVES

- No report given or available.

AREAS OF FOCUS & NEW BUSINESS

- Consideration of moving regular meetings to 3rd Monday; will check availability with Lawrence.
- Trustees are to submit reports by the Friday before each Tuesday meeting.
- Select Board budget meeting confirmed for **November 9th**.
- Warrant article requests due **November 1st**.
- The end-of-year financial position and potential need for Friends' support for book orders or technology upgrades
- Archival storage for historic minutes; Chair and/or Secretary will consult with the Town Archives.
- Trustees noted the library has an additional "easy-up" tent available for outdoor events.

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Meeting End:

- Chair ended the meeting at 6:21 PM
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Hulslander, Vice Chair and Secretary

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