

Haverhill Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of October 16, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Haverhill Public Library was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2025 in the Whittier Conference Room. In-person attendance included Trustees Bresnahan, Coletti, and Kimball. Mayor Melinda Barrett and Trustee Veasy-Sirois attended via Zoom. Also in attendance was Director, Sarah Moser and Assistant Director, Jane Lemuth.

Secretary's Report

The trustees were given copies of the minutes dated September 18, 2025. After perusing the minutes, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Josh presented the financial highlights for September:

- Updates on the current balances and yields for the endowments, which continue to increase steadily.
- We have spent about \$21,000 of the state aid and have about \$86,000 left.
- We have received a few gifts via PayPal, one estate gift for children's books, and a campaign gift.
- So far, we have spent about \$1.5 million on the renovation project.

Cecily Craighill Davis Update 9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

- Nov. 17 will be the next meeting and Cecily suggested providing dinner. She would also like to invite the architects to come in person.
- Cecily will be working with the architects to polish the brochure and create a postcard and website for the campaign.
- She discussed the possibility of selling pavers.
- There was discussion with the Mayor about paving the parking lot. The Mayor said she will add it to the capital improvement list for the City.
- After Cecily spoke at the Rotary Club, an article was written by WHAV that was somewhat inaccurate and caused a lot of questions among the staff.
- She is looking into a Comcast grant for a new tech center.

- She would like to host an event as we move into the public phase and possibly a cocktail party for large donors.

Trustee Veasy-Sirois departed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Director's Report

A copy of the director's report was given to the trustees. Sarah discussed the highlights and other Director's news:

- Fall programs are underway and there will not be a fall fundraiser this year.
- The cleaning company is officially done and the new custodian is working out well.
- A new Page will be starting next week.
- The financial report for state aid was submitted.
- There was discussion on the meeting room policy and odd requests we have received lately.

Old Business

- There was discussion on construction concerns and logistics and the potential to move to a different space but there is nothing adequate or affordable available.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Bresnahan