

Stamford Community Library Trustees Meeting Minutes 6-26-25

Call to order at 5 p.m. by Linda Rodovick, chair

Present: Amy Johns, Caroline Burch, Cyndi Candiloro, Linda Rodovick, and Tyna Senecal. Danielle Smith, ex officio

Minutes

Johns motioned to approve the May 29, 2025 minutes, second by Senecal. Rodovick noted the Vietnam traveling exhibit is in Lenox, not Lee. Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report (on file)

Senecal clarified that some expenses in the library materials and equipment lines were purchased by the community library for the school and were subsequently reimbursed. Smith noted that going forward the school will make those purchases directly.

Librarian's Report (on file)

In addition, trustees continue to explore if there are ways to make temperature regulation in the library more controllable and efficient. Further information needs to be gathered about possible options, including heat pumps or a more efficient replacement of the unit on the north wall.

West Oil has been servicing heating and cooling systems in the building for many years. Electrician Jim Senecal will meet with Al Aubin from West Oil to assess the possibilities, including the practicality of removing the pipes on the lower east wall that no longer serve any function. Removal of pipes would create a significant amount of space to add additional shelves.

Smith asked how many years of minutes should stay on the library website. Trustees decided it made sense to maintain a year's worth of minutes there.

Mural/other renovations

At May's meeting, the board agreed to have Rodovick contact artist Nicole (Dupuis) Senecal about the possibility of painting a mural above the windows on the north wall. Rodovick reported that she had communicated with Nicole and had gotten some initial information. Nicole voiced interest in the project. In light of other pending projects with a higher priority, trustees decided to hold off on moving forward with the mural for the time being.

With regard to building bins for picture books for the children's area, Burch indicated Nick Noyes is still interested and is awaiting input on design and scope of the project. Burch will talk with the director at the Aurora Free Library in New York, her hometown, about their bins that are similar to what Stamford is envisioning, to get insight on measurements, volume, usefulness, etc.

Other Business

Senecal learned from Lori Shepard that the town is moving its business to Adams Community Bank. The library will continue to use TD Bank for now with the intent of transferring library accounts to Adams Community Bank by 2026.

The board briefly discussed the practicality of offering up the library as a cooling center during heat waves. After weighing the logistics of limited open hours and staffing challenges, it was decided the library is not the best option. In the end, trustees agreed that providing a venue for both cooling and warming centers would more logically fall to the town.

Summer Meeting Schedule

As in previous years, there will be no July meeting, and the board reserves the decision to meet in August, if warranted. If an August meeting is not necessary, the next regular meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 4, at 5 p.m.

Rodovick motioned to adjourn, Johns seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Burch, secretary

~ Recording of this meeting is available at the library for the next month. ~