

March 16th 2026 Minutes

President Christine Buck called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. The meeting agenda was adopted with the addition of an informational update on tree pruning.

Attendance:

Present: Nancy Bromley, Karen Raymond, Joe Roth, Jim Ruth, Tiffany Winn, Kris McDermott, Tiffany Russo-Malone, Christine Buck, Library Director Linda Denz

Excused: Terri Brant. Dave Fowlston, Mike Paino

Discussion:

- The minutes of February 9 were approved with the clarification that because we are an Association library that owns its own property, we are most likely exempt from paying prevailing wage rates.
- The financial statements were reviewed. The reconciliation detail was approved unanimously on a motion by Joe Roth, seconded by Tiffany Winn. The profit loss statement was accepted unanimously on a motion by Nancy Bromley and seconded by Jim Ruth.
- Linda reviewed details of the Director's Report. No quote has been received yet from Lupini Construction because of the absence of our contact for family reasons. Linda was in touch with the firm and learned he will return to work next week. Other items discussed were the possibility of new outdoor signage, securing a quote for window-washing services, and a different approach to bottled water for events. There was an explanation of the library's heating and air conditioning systems. The main heat source is an electric-fired boiler, with a supplemental boiler driven by

fuel oil that runs on the coldest days. The library is cooled with mini split air conditioners.

- Scarlett Joy resigned, and Charlee “Rose” Rice was hired on March 16 at \$17 per hour to replace her. This is an on-site tech support position. Christine Buck moved approval of her hiring; Nancy Bromley seconded; it was unanimous.
- Linda has requested funding for summer concerts from NBT, SFCU, and Edward Jones. She is preparing a grant request for an early literacy project from Dollar General. She mentioned that the library is serving as an after school safe haven for students, and they are appreciative. She also reported on the recent library visit from Assemblyman Joe Angelino.
- The Village of Greene will work on pruning library trees on Wednesday. Jim Ruth will be on site to represent the library.
- Linda has learned that the library is part of the Greene Historic District and may be eligible for special grant funding. As for the NYS Construction Grant project we were designated for, proposals are being reviewed at the State level and have not yet been awarded. Once they are, we would be given 180 days to start the project and six years to complete it.
- There was discussion of the pile of material at the west end of the parking lot and the need for removal and a future fence.

Adjournment:

Jim Ruth moved adjournment of the meeting at 6:29pm; Karen Raymond seconded; it was unanimous.

Submitted By:

Christine Buck for Terri Brant