

Trustees of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library  
August 25, 2025 7:30pm, Zoom  
Minutes

- Members present: Mel DeSilva, Elizabeth Murphy, Pam Ososky, Michele Regan-Ladd; Brad Foster, Kate Cell
- Mary Anne Antonellis: Library Director

July meeting minutes approved unanimously- Michele Regan-Ladd- YES; Mel DeSilva- YES; Kate Cell- YES; Elizabeth Murphy- YES; Brad Foster- YES; Pam Ososky- YES

Director's Report: reviewed and discussed.

- There are a few unanticipated costs that Mary Anne is figuring out
- Someone has to come to the library and test the well once a month and there are also annual testing requirements as well.
- It has taken a lot of time for Mary Anne to research vendors for new library computers

When should we have the library grand opening? We're waiting on National Grid to show up with the transformer in order to get permanent power to the site. We can have a grand opening after the library opens.

Working Group to plan the grand opening:

- Michelle Regan-Ladd
- Pam Ososky
- 2 people from the Friends- Elizabeth will ask
- 2 people from library building committee- Mary Anne will ask

Unlimited Renewals Policy: Right now, we have two automatic renewals. After that, we can renew something, but you have to call and ask. Proposal: Books borrowed from the Shutesbury Public Library's own collection will be automatically renewed three times and library staff will be happy to accommodate further renewals if requested in person or via email or telephone. Unanimously approved: Michele Regan-Ladd- YES; Mel DeSilva- YES; Kate Cell- YES; Elizabeth Murphy- YES Pam Ososky- YES

Policies we need, hopefully before the library opens:

- Meeting room policy
- Small study room policy

6-week fiber arts weekly drop-in starts in October.

Exercise programs are continuing. Hopefully Kathy will want to start teaching strength training and yoga in the fall; if not, Mary Anne has some leads. The Rec committee and Council on Aging have been contributing to fitness programs. Friends of the Library is contributing. Also, there are funds in the library budget for classes.

Next meeting: Monday, September 29 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Melanie (Mel) DeSilva, Secretary, Library Board of Trustees