

**DRAFT MINUTES
KINDERHOOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 17th, 2025**

Present

Brad Lohrenz, President

Karen Seymourian, Vice President

Kathy Pakenham, Treasurer

Sharon Jensen, Secretary

Seth Agata

Roberta Baldini

Ann Birckmayer

Jonathan Brennan

Jodie Corngold

Carol O'Donnell

Erica Sapkiewicz

Matthew Pavloff, Director

Excused

Amy Abbati, Rebecca Milone, Amparo Hoffman, Ned Depew

Guests

Bonnie Shannon, Clare Dunn, *Friends of the Library*

Call to Order/Announcements: Lohrenz called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Announcements: None

May Minutes: Minutes were distributed in advance for review. A motion to approve was made by Agata, seconded by Baldini, and passed without dissent.

Friends of the Library: Shannon reported on changes in the Friends group. Shannon is now acting chair and Clare Dunn is working on membership. They are currently working on a slate of officers for next year. Friends are open to supporting library fundraising and supporting the 414. June Book Sale was a big success and raised approximately \$5,100.00. Shannon thanked board members support. More pop-up book sales will happen over the summer at the Farmer's Market.

Director's Report: The Director's report was submitted in advance. The Art Show has switched over. Pavloff reported that the previous show was a huge success, and the new art show is a temporary extension of the ArtLife717 Gallery in Hudson, which supports individuals in recovery. He also informed the board that assistant director Mandy Babirad completed the Developing Leader's Program through NYLA earlier in the month.

Treasurer's report: Pakenham shared the treasurer's report before the meeting. The report was reviewed by the trustees.

Audit Committee: Seymourian reported that the team did not meet but will be meeting before

the next board meeting.

Building and Grounds Committee: Pavloff reported on an upcoming spring clean-up to be planned soon. He has been working with Depew on a number of smaller library maintenance tasks.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met and discussed the revised budget, the 414 resolution, and fundraising. The May P&L was discussed. The revised budget was reviewed, and cost savings and increased line items were highlighted. Birckmayer made a motion to accept amendments to the approved 2025 budget, Seymourian seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Berkshire Taconic will be coming to meet with the board to share information about community foundations at an upcoming meeting. Sapiewiecz will complete the June expenditures.

Fundraising Committee: Sapkiewicz reported that the committee met and shared information about upcoming fundraising events. The committee has begun advertising and selling tickets for the upcoming A-OK Scavenger Hunt event.

Operations: Baldini reported that the committee met. The committee met and discussed the role of the Friends of the Library policy. No changes were proposed, but a Memorandum of Understanding is not currently up to date and the board will work with the FOKML to establish one. The committee will continue to review policies on a rotating basis. The library is proposing to work with the Friends of the Library on the library's long-range planning. The Operations Committee will work on developing a plan for reviewing and revising the long-range plan.

Old Business: The proposed 414 resolution for the Town of Kinderhook was read aloud by Jensen as follows:

Whereas, the adoption of the 2026 budget for the Kinderhook Memorial Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in general municipal law section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, general municipal law section 3-c expressly permits the Library Board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution adopted by a vote of sixty percent of qualified Board members;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Kinderhook Memorial Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2026 by at least sixty percent of the Board of Trustees as required by state law on June 17, 2025. The Board of Trustees of the Kinderhook Memorial Library in meeting on June 17, 2025 resolves to petition the voters of the Town of Stuyvesant at the next general election, on November 4, 2025, as follows:

To seek voter approval in the Town of Kinderhook to increase the Town's annual contribution for the operating budget of the Kinderhook Memorial Library by twenty-

one thousand, six hundred fifty dollars to the sum of two-hundred and ninety-one thousand dollars.

A motion to accept the motion was made by O'Donnell and seconded by Pakenham. A roll call was taken and the result was as follows:

Ayes: 11
Nays: 0
Not voting: 4

The proposed 414 resolution for the Town of Stuyvesant was read aloud by Jensen as follows:

Whereas, the adoption of the 2026 budget for the Kinderhook Memorial Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in general municipal law section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, general municipal law section 3-c expressly permits the Library Board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution adopted by a vote of sixty percent of qualified Board members;

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To seek voter approval in the Town of Stuyvesant to increase the Town's annual Contribution for the operating budget of the Kinderhook Memorial Library by three thousand, fifty-six dollars (\$3,056) to the sum of forty-one thousand, two hundred and sixty-one dollars (\$41,261).

Seymourian moved to accept the Town of Stuyvesant resolution, and O'Donnell seconded. A roll call was taken and the result was as follows:

Ayes: 11
Nays: 0
Not voting: 4

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by O'Donnell, seconded by Brennan, and passed without dissent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Next meeting: July 15th, 2025