

Groton Free Public Library, Groton, VT
Library Trustee Meeting
Friday, December 26, 2025

The duly warned special meeting of the Library Trustees was held at the Groton Free Public Library on December 26, 2025. Trustees in attendance were Jennie Gaiss, Chair (remotely); Deborah Jurist, Treasurer; Dawn Evans, Secretary; Donna Russo-Savage (remotely); and Wayne Knott.

Jennie Gaiss called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m.

The agenda was adjusted to include a discussion of two additional donations to the library – one of which has been received and one which has been identified but not yet received.

Budget

Dawn reported on her appearance at a recent SelectBoard meeting.

Deborah offered three different iterations of the budget, reflecting an approximate 17% increase to the Library Director's wage rate – which represents the budget most recently presented to the SelectBoard; a budget that contained a 9% increase to the Library Director (representing a 5.6% increase that matches the raise being given to other town employees and a 3.5% increase that matches the raise given other town employees in the current budget cycle, which was not included in the Director's salary in the current budget cycle and is being added now in recognition of service excellence); and a budget containing a 5.6% increase that matches the raise being given other town employees.

Dawn made a motion in favor of the budget reflecting a 5.6% increase across the board. Deborah seconded the motion. After a discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Deborah made a motion to approve the budget which contains a 9% increase for the Library Director and a 6.6% raise for the Library Assistant (representing an increase of \$1.00 per hour, as was recommended by the Library Director). Donna seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Donations

Deborah made a motion that all donations received by the library (including those received from the Howard Bayne Fund and from Elizabeth Hammel, as well as the third donation that has not yet been received) be placed in the 400 account. Wayne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

No members of the public were present.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is Thursday, January 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn. Wayne seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.