

Rowe Town Library
Minutes Library Trustee
May 21, 2025

Call to Order at 10:01 A.M.

Attended by: Becky Bradley, Diane Parrington, and Kathy Atwood

Director's Report: See Attached

The Committee member reviewed Molly's report

Questions: Is there a possibility that the landscaping company that does the town hall could also tend to the library's grounds to clean up weeds etc.?(not to mow as the HWY dept mows the grounds weekly)

Next meeting : June 24th at 11:00 A.M.

Adjourn at 10:38 A.M.

**Rowe TownLibrary
Director's Report to the Library Trustees**

May 2025

NEWS and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- The Feasibility Committee- Next step for design phase of project for \$175K passed at town meeting. Group will meet again May 28th to discuss steps for moving forward.
- Annual Plant swap was successful- few people but always feel like it is great to offer the space for residents to trade plants
- Karen Soviecke organized some help with cleaning up the gardens at the beginning of the month. Still need to do some clean up work and edging.
- Next program will be Artist Trading Cards with Cait and Joanne
- The library has a number of fun events coming up this summer
 - Program about the Cliff Swallows in June with Mara Silver- with presentation at library and walk to view nests
 - Book Chat will be 3rd Thursday in June- seems to still be going strong
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 - Cait will run an afterschool succulent and planter painting workshop for kiddos after school soon
 - Author talk to be scheduled this summer with local author Aaron Poulin
 - Summer reading program will kick off the second week of June, before school gets out to try to hook kids before they get out of school
 - Caitlyn is in the works with many other fun programs.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS & PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS

- Feasibility committee meeting frequently to organize future plans for building
- Need to look into some policies for moving forward with the current political climate and some libraries may lose accreditation since losing federal funding.
- Need to find someone who can review the Really old books upstairs - what is junk and what is worth selling and how we can do that

Accomplishments:

- FY26 Budget was approved without issue at ATM
- Feasibility study ask for Phase 2 money of \$175,000 was approved at town meeting

Respectfully Submitted
Molly Lane
Director, Rowe Town Library