Town of Granby

Granby Library Board Meeting

Minutes

November 9, 2026

Members Present: Judy Guarco, Chairman, Laurel Farrer (arrived 6:33 pm), Michelle Leibovitz, Kristal Fiorentino, Hillary Peterson, Ellen Thomson, Catherine Watso, & Paul Willis

Staff: Amber Wyzik, Director of Library Services

Absent: Lynn Guelzow

Call to Order: A quorum was present, and Chairman Guarco called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Review of Agenda: On a motion by C. Watso, seconded by H. Peterson, the Board voted (7-0-0) to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2026 meeting.

Notation: The October 13, 2026 meeting was held without the required advance posting of an agenda. As a result, the meeting did not comply with the applicable public meeting notice requirements. No official Board business was conducted, and no motions, votes, or formal actions were taken. Accordingly, there are no Board actions from the October meeting requiring approval or ratification.

Public Comment: None

Director's Report:

Operations:

- After many patron and staff complaints, we made the choice to return to our old Library Calendar. The cost of this calendar will come from the cancellation of a database that had very low statistics.

Personnel:

- We are currently looking for a Library Assistant Sub.

Grants:

- A. Wyzik discussed notification of a change in the upcoming Pomeroy Brace grant application. The previous $28,000 grant offering will now only be $15,000.

Program Highlights:

- **Preschool Halloween Parade**
  Children and their parents enjoyed music, movement and a short play done by the library staff followed by a trick or treating parade around the library.

Important Upcoming Dates:

November 21- Friends Puzzle Sale

November 28- Friends Holiday Sale Kicks Off

December 1- Public Hearing

December 8- Bond Referendum

Old Business: None

New Business: No new business.

Liaisons Reports:

FOGPL- J. Guarco, chairman, reported the FOGPL are still seeking a vice president, but have filled several positions including appointing a new secretary. They are also still looking for donations for the puzzle sale held on November 21, 2026. The chairman also mentioned the success of their new clothing and textile donation barn placed behind the library as well as the overwhelming response to the Children's Book Fair held on November 7, 2026. They raised roughly $200 selling used books, providing every child a chance to leave with something to read.

GLA- P. Willis reported it is all quiet on the GLA front and mentioned his appreciation for the cabinet board member's names being added to the GLA website.

CAMPAIGN CABINET- A. Wyzik, director, reported the cabinet campaign has seen several new donations thanks to a newsletter blast and is hoping to encourage new and previous voters to come to the polls on December 8, 2026 via postcards that will now be mass distributed. She also provided timelines of major events regarding the library expansion project. P. Willis and K. Fiorentino bounced ideas such as reaching out to absentee voters visiting for the Thanksgiving holiday as well as signs on the town green. The entire cabinet continues to explore as many avenues as possible to tap into the voting audience.

Next Meeting:The next meeting of the Granby Library Board will be December 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81791122495?pwd=b6Jv7zOyc3jy6eAO9b4YSDjmicK2w3.1.

Adjournment: On a motion by P. Willis, seconded by E. Thomson, the Board voted (8-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Feldstein