Library Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting
July 20, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Simsbury Public Library – Weatogue Room
728 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER –** Chair McGrath called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Chair, Holly McGrath; Vice Chair, Polly Rice; Secretary, Mary Glassman; Co-Chair of Strategic Planning Committee, Don Heymann; President of the Friends, Greg Golinkski; Trustees: Heather Czuchta, Marianne O'Neil (virtual), Susan Ray (virtual), and Laurie Shinaman; Simsbury Public Library Director, Lisa Miceli; President of the Friends, Greg Golinksi; and Liaison to the Board of Selectmen, Diana Yeisley.

All present stood for the Pledge of Alleigncace.

Secretary Glassman joined the meeting at 7:01 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 15, 2026, Regular Meeting

Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chair Heymann amended Line 133 to read, "…Hometown Heroes…" and Line 135 to read, "…Juneteenth Celebration…".

MOTION: Vice Chair Rice made a motion, seconded by Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chair Heymann, to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2026, Regular Meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

June 24, 2026, Special Meeting

Chair McGrath amended Line 39 "mad" to read "made".

MOTION: Secretary Glassman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Czuchta, to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2026, Special Meeting as amended. Trustee Shinaman abstained. The motion carried. (7-0-1)

III. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

No public audience.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Chair McGrath stated Library Director Miceli wrote a letter to Senator Honig expressing gratitude for securing funding for the Teen Space renovation.

V. FRIENDS' REPORT

President of the Friends Golinski reported there will be no July or August meeting, he would like to see more books collected for the Book Sale, and he has been re-elected as President.

VI. BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIASON'S REPORT

Selectman Yeisley reported the Board of Selectmen:

- Discussed creating a Capital Bonding 20-year plan.
- Approved the job description for "Deputy Director/Head of Children's Services" and congratulated Stephanie on her evolved role.
- Approved the job description for "Business Development Coordinator".
- Discussed and approved the Greater Hartford Gives' sign conditions.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair McGrath reported:

- The approval of the job description for "Deputy Director/Head of Children Services" will be effective for leadership and goal expansion.
- Upon passing, Gail Ryan was honored at the Special Meeting for her volunteerism on the Board in previous terms and her impact on the town.
- First Selectman Wendy Mackstutis' and Selectman Beal's both had their mothers pass away
- Library Director Miceli's Performance Review was completed and demonstrated her efficiency and dedication to the Library's service and enhancement of the town.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Miceli reported:

- A Children's Department Library Services Assistant, Soluna Amen has resigned to relocate for her education in Library Science.

- New catalog tablets will be installed soon.
- She is collaborating with Town Hall's Management Specialist, Franklyn Barrueco to update the Library Ordinance.
- Cyn's begins her new role as "Business Development Coordinator" at Town Hall next Wednesday.
- Unhoused visitors may leave their belongings outside on the north side of the Library while utilizing the Library amenities for their intended purpose.

IX. JUNE FINANCE REPORT

Library Director Miceli reported that this will be the last report containing "Building and Grounds Maintenance" as Public Works will now be handling those funds.

X. GREATER HARTFORD GIVES TOWN PARTNERSHIP

Chair McGrath reiterated that the Board of Selectmen unanimously approve the partnership with Greater Hartford Gives and their sign being continuously displayed. She recommended a beginning time length of two years.

MOTION: Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chair Heymann, made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Rice, to approve Greater Hartford Gives having a sign displayed continuously for two years. Trustee Ray opposed the motion. The motion carried. (6-1-0)

XI. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chair Heymann provided a brief overview of the survey results, highlighting patrons chose community connection as the biggest value. The next meeting will be Wednesday.

XII. NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Chair McGrath stated the next meeting will be September 21st.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Chair McGrath made a motion, seconded by Co-Chair of Strategic Planning Committee Heymann, to adjourn the meeting. (7-0-0)

Chair McGrath adjourned the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Blaze
Commission Clerk