

Conant Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday June 8, 2026

Attendance:

Present: Jennifer Bennett, Thea Marsh, Jenn Howe, Nichole Pelkey, Jeny Levissee, Meggan Hodgman, Ann Ryder, Library Director Barry Deitz; Excused: Kristin Landry; Absent: Bonnie Leveille

Meeting convened: 6:35 p.m. meeting called to order by Thea.

Reports

Secretary's report

Meggan made a motion to approve the 06/08/26 minutes as amended, Jenn seconded. No discussion. 7 yes, no abstentions. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

Jennifer made a motion to approve the Treasurer report for June 2026. Meggan seconded. 7 yes, no abstentions. Motion carries. We took out \$7500 from the library trusts and changed the letter to the Town to request \$2500. The investment policy needs to be signed again.

Director's Report

See attached report. Getting a full table for both the writing and reading groups. Anne of Green Gables tea party was a success (~20+ people). Meet the Artist event (with Deb Putnam) this Wednesday. Mitty Johnson will provide a reception. The school is going to send students down to the library for community service this Friday. Storytime on Saturday from now on will be outside during the Farmer's Market. The security system (heat beam upgrade) is scheduled for June 24-25. We've had 26 new library cards so far this year. New Hampshire Charitable Trust followup: Barry has to prove that we have non-profit status to apply for grants, but Jenn said that we are a "municipal government entity" so we are not a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Jenn told Barry to tell the Charitable Trust our official status and see where we can go from there.

Committees

Finance Committee

See Treasurer's Report. Thea, Jenn, and Barry met with Dan and he has agreed to help transition to the next Treasurer once Jenn leaves. The name of the Committee will heretofore be named the Finance and Investment Committee.

Policy/By-Laws Committee

Did not meet.

Museum Committee

Acacia told Jennifer that she has a geological display planned for downstairs. She also put a map on the meeting table so that people can pinpoint on the map if/where they have found interesting geological discoveries. Jennifer mentioned to Acacia that it would be nice to have displays on various groups in the town's history, like the Polish community or any African-Americans that lived here. She told Acacia about the Abolitionist meeting minutes that we have at the library.

Building Committee

Did not meet. They will set a time to meet to go through the checklist that Monica gave to Thea. Neil sent an estimate for the electric work to increase the amp for the HVAC work (\$3400).

Marketing Committee

Did not meet, but materials went out around town and to the school about the Summer Reading Program,

Old Business

NHLTA

Ann was unable to attend the NHLTA annual meeting because she missed the deadline. She asked if there was any way she could still join, but they said it was a strict deadline.

New Business

Garden Tool Library

Thea asked Barry if she and the Agricultural Club could use the space under the stairs in the back for a rack with gardening tools and a sign-out sheet. Barry will keep the sign-out sheet behind the desk. There will be signage that makes it obvious that they have to sign out the item.

Meeting adjourned: Jennifer made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m., Jenn seconded. No further discussion; 7 yes; No abstentions; Motion carries.

Next regular meeting is Monday July 13th, 2026

Submitted by,
Secretary
Jennifer Bennett