

## **Plainfield Libraries Board of Trustees**

### **Minutes of June 15, 2026 Meeting at Philip Read Memorial Library (PRML)**

Present:

Trustees: Mike Adams (MA), Rosemary Mills (RM), Sally Rub (SR),  
Michelle Feller-Kopman (MFK, via Zoom)

Library Director: Jim Allen (JA)

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by MA. MA: four of five Trustees present [roll call]. No adjustments to meeting agenda.

No public comment. No Zoom attendees other than MFK.

Minutes from the May 18, 2026 Library Trustees meeting were unanimously approved.

No reports from FOPRML and FOML.

Meriden Library Solar Installation Project Update: MA reported all solar panels are installed on roof, the electrical wiring is complete, the net meter is scheduled to be installed along with a new transformer, all by Liberty, this Friday June 19. Colby, the electrician from Richard Electric, has connected the solar to the internet cable so it is online and interactive with the library's internet and wifi. Tony Newton will be present on Friday for the Liberty work. If all goes as planned with the Liberty installation, the solar panels will be up and running.

Treasurer's Report: DT reported in writing to the Trustees prior to this meeting that the Plainfield Libraries (PL) budget is on target with 41% spent at 44% through the year. We are still over-budget by approximately \$3K as previously reported due to high utility bills as a result of the prolonged cold weather this past winter. The Trustees hope that the newly operating solar system at ML will shortly begin to offset this overage from earlier in the year.

Correspondence: JA reported receipt of a letter from the New Hampshire Telephone Association (NHTA) and check in the amount of \$15.23 from the Howard W. Chellis Trust Fund for the purchase of technical books, which shall be marked “Presented in memory of Howard Chellis by the New Hampshire Telephone Association Memorial Trust.” MFK will write a thank you note to the NHTA on behalf of PL BoT.

Director’s Report: JA reported that there are many recurring programs including Storytime at both libraries. The staff has completed a book inventory and weeding of the fiction section upstairs at PRML, and is still working on an inventory at ML, which is turning up books that have never been catalogued, books that belong at PRML, books that are Juniors mixed in with the Adults. This inventory has been very helpful for these reasons and also with purging about 103 books that are no longer useful to the PL collection. The webinars put together by the Friends of the Cornish Library for their group along with the FOML, FOPRML, and Friends of the Claremont Library has taken place and turnout is reported to have been low. There was a drone photography talk by William Dougherty, a talk about Climate Change in New Hampshire, and a FOML Plant Sale on May 9 that raised close to \$3K. The Cookbook Club (a collaboration between PL and Cornish Library) met in May and will be meeting again in July, FOPRML held a garden workshop (decorative garden art on smooth stones), and the handrail has been installed near the shed behind the PRML. The summer reading program will kick off this Thursday June 18 with Bingo cards and ice cream at the ML for completed Bingo cards and will include activities throughout the summer including a movie-watching series, Good Humor man at ML and a Touch A Truck in Plainfield Village sponsored by the FOPRML. SR asked Jim about the broken lamp in the parking lot of PRML. JA responded that Brad Atwater (Town of Plainfield Facilities Manager) has been notified about this.

Non-public session not needed.

Adjournment at 6:22pm by MA.

Next PL BoT Meeting: Monday July 20 at 6pm at ML.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Feller-Kopman