

Town of Granby
Granby Library Board Meeting
Minutes
February 10, 2025

Members present: Judy Guarco, Chairman, Laurel Farrer (left meeting at 7:25pm), Sandra Fischer, Kristal Fiorentino, Lynn Guelzow, Hillary Peterson, Ellen Thomson, Catherine Watso, Paul Willis

Staff: Amber Wyzik, Director of Library Services, Rhonda Gilbert, Assistant Director

Call to order: A quorum was present, and Chairman Guarco called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and welcomed new members Laurel Farrer and Lynn Guelzow.

Review of Agenda: DLS added to new business – Hartland Library Update

Review and Approval of Minutes: On a motion by K. Fiorentino, seconded by P. Willis, the Board voted (7-0-2) to approve the minutes of December 9, 2024.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Library Director's Report:

GLB Report- January 2025

Statistics	January 2024	*January 2025 <i>Closed for 2 weeks</i>
Physical Items Borrowed	5,224	4,028
Number of visitors	GPL- 4,595- 27 days FHC 130	GPL- 2,103- 19 days FHC- 253 - 15 days
Number of programs	43	36
Number of program participants	583	337
Curbside at Main during closing	1 appt.	172 appts.
Equipment Reservations	N/A	60

New Library Services:

- Teen Bookish Bundle
 - Limit of 10, due to cost- mostly boys
- Homebound Delivery
- STEM Programs
 - Hands On Innovators- GR 3-5
 - Young Explorers- Gr K-2

Patron Remarks:

"I just wanted to give a quick shout out to Christopher at the Creation Station. He gave me some great assistance on creating custom stickers for our pinewood derby cars this year. We are so fortunate to have this space and the staff." – Steve Sosik, Granby

Old Business:

- Architect Feasibility Study Update

I have received 5 draft renderings with possible interior and exterior views. I approved these and now they will turn these into high quality graphics for us to use in publicity, etc. I will present those at the March LB meeting.

- Capital Campaign Update:

Currently working on step one: *Getting to know the Granby Public Library. Interview library leadership (Board of Directors and administrative staff)*. This should be complete by the end of next week. They will then begin step two: *Community Analysis- Take what was learned during the internal audit and present it to leaders and philanthropists throughout the library service area.*

- Library Renovation

The library renovation, made possible with ARPA funds, is 99% complete. We are still waiting on new outlet and light switch covers. The renovation included the removal of wallpaper and carpet on the adult side, the staff offices and in the Fox Meeting room along with new paint and installation of new carpet in those same areas. We also resurfaced all the woodwork, deep cleaned much of the library and replaced all lightbulbs so that they all matched in color and brightness.

New Business:

- Capital Campaign Consultant Check in
- Library Strategic Plan Proposal
- *Late addition to agenda- Hartland Library Update

Liaisons Reports:

FOGPL – J. Guarco, Chairman, reported Parks & Rec can no longer house material for the FOGPL book sale. Discussion regarding purchasing a storage container/shed to be kept on library grounds is ongoing.

GLA – Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Several renderings of interior and exterior views of the proposed library addition were received to be used as publicity, etc. The chosen graphics will be presented at the March GLB meeting.

Step one of the Capital Campaign *Getting to know the Granby Public Library* will be completed at the end of this month and step two *Community Analysis* will begin.

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New Business/Other Business:

Kevin Wallace, President of Campaign Counsel.org joined the meeting virtually and reported the in-house interviews conducted in January went well, and that several more virtual interviews will be taking place soon. A written report along with a virtual meeting will be held at the end of the month to present a community analysis using this collected information.

Copies of The Next Chapter! Strategic Plan 2025-2029 brochure were handed out for review and discussion. On a motion by P. Willis, seconded by E. Thomson, the Board voted (9-0-0) to approve The Next Chapter! Strategic Plan 2025-2029 brochure as amended.

Granby Public Library was advised by CT State Library to purge all Hartland, CT patron records for the reason that Hartland Public Library was not in compliance with the borrow-it guidelines of the CT State Library. Discussion ensued and on a motion by P. Willis, seconded by L. Guelzow, the Board voted (8-0-0) against purging Hartland patron records until April 1, 2025.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Granby Library Board will be Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Granby Public Library.

Adjournment: On a motion by S. Fischer, seconded by E. Thomson, the Board voted (8-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Gilbert