

**Town of Granby**  
**Granby Library Board Meeting**  
Minutes  
May 15, 2025

**Members present:** Judy Guarco, Chairman, Ellen Thomson, Catherine Watso, Paul Willis, Laurel Farrer and Hillary Peterson

**Staff:** Amber Wyzik, Director of Library Services

**Absent:** Sandra Fischer, Kristal Fiorentino

**Call to order:** A quorum was present, and Chairman Guarco called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Review of Agenda:** No changes. On a motion by P. Willis, seconded by L. Farrer, the board voted (6-0-0) and approved the agenda as posted.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** After review of the March 10, 2025, minutes, C. Watso moved to insert the words *‘and further discuss service options at the next scheduled Library Board meeting’* to the end of the third sentence under the Hartland Library section that ends in “April 1, 2025.” The motion was seconded by L. Farrer.

Chairperson Guarco read the amended minutes and asked for a motion to approve. On a motion by P. Willis, seconded by L. Guelzow, the Board voted (6-0-0) to approve the minutes as amended.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Library Director’s Report:**

- GLA and FOGPL have agreed to once again sponsor our summer intern position
- Hoopla will be paused until July 1, 2025 due to lack of funds
  - A. Wyzik encouraged all Library Board members to look up Bill “SB1234- AN ACT PROHIBITING LIBRARIES FROM AGREEING TO CERTAIN TERMS IN ELECTRONIC BOOK AND DIGITAL AUDIOBOOK LICENSE AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS.” This act would allow for libraries to get better pricing and allow for negotiating pricing with digital content providers.
- Library stats included 5,226 visitors to the main library and 50 program options
- The Volunteer Fair program brought in 23 local organizations and approx. 100 participants
- Harley the Llama visited the Library!
- Check out the new photography displays in the Fox Room

**Liaisons Reports:**

FOGPL – J. Guarco reported that the Friends are still looking for volunteers to support the upcoming book sale.

GLA – P. Willis reported GLA was happy to once again sponsor the summer intern.

### **Old Business:**

**Capital Campaign Consultants Update:** Prospective interviewees to speak on behalf of the community has been narrowed down to 34 people. Many have already signed up for an interview with the consultants. These interviews will take place on May 21, 22 & 23. Members of the board reviewed the names and volunteered to reach out to some of the prospective people to coordinate interview times.

**Hartland Library:** Hartland has been working hard to accomplish all the required tasks asked by the State Library. The materials were sent to the State and the State responded that they must also be notarized before they can review them. Materials will be notarized and sent back to the State.

L. Guelzow moved that Granby Public Library extend services to Hartland Library until July 1, 2025, and further discussion on service options will take place at the June Library Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by L. Farrer, the board voted (6-0-0) and the motion passed.

**Federal Funding Executive Order:** The Board was informed that a recent executive order announced the reduction of funding for the Institute of Museum and Libraries (IMLS). This could mean an interruption in regular services in the future such as with DeliverIT, the service that provides courier runs to return items to libraries across the state. More information will be available at the September meeting.

### **New Business/Other Business:**

**Q&A with First Selectman- Mark Fiorentino and Town Manager- Mike Walsh:** postponed to the June Meeting

**Community Calendar:** A. Wyzik shared with the board that one goal and objective of the library's current strategic plan is to support a town-wide community calendar. To implement this, a Community Calendar policy would need to be created and approved by the Library Board with input from the Town Manager. A. Wyzik presented the board with a draft Community Calendar Policy for review and discussion at the next meeting in hopes of announcing a community calendar on July 1, 2025.

P. Willis shared information regarding the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.

P. Willis moved to approve the allocation of Library Board funds not to exceed \$200.00, for the purpose of providing refreshments and a small treat in recognition of library staff appreciation. The day, time and treat will be determined by J. Guarco and A. Wyzik. Strategic Planning Committee members will also be invited as a thank you for their work on the Strategic Plan. Seconded by E. Thomson. The board voted (6-0-0) and the motion was approved.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Granby Library Board will be Monday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fox Meeting Room at the Main Library.

**Adjournment:** P. Willis moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by L. Farrer, the Board voted (6-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amber Wyzik