

FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 9, 2025

Present: Astin, Edwards, Kaye, Desjardin, Larsen. Cardwell

Absent: Fowler, Regan, Haldas, O'Brien, Hochstetter

Call to order: Called to order at 4:13 pm

Seating of alternate: Larsen seated by Cardwell

Audience for citizens: None

Approval of minutes of June 12: **1.** Correction, under ongoing business, Janice Trecker art will be for October, not September. Motion to accept with correction made by Kaye, 2nd by Edwards. Motion passed.

Treas. Report: Cardwell reported due to absence of Fowler. Town check for \$34,730 has been received and will be deposited. The division of DVD/audio purchases from book purchases is underway.

Librarian report: On file at FML.

Assistant Lib report: Larsen praised ongoing garden work being done by volunteer Laureen. The group was reminded to communicate with Laureen before making changes in the garden. More help in the garden would be appreciated.

On Going Business: **A. Programs.** Art all set for Aug/Sept. and Janice Trecker for Oct. Music, see Librarian report. **B. Fund raising: 1.** Hampton Harvest committee met recently. First two vendor checks have come in; Kaye is reaching out to other potential vendors. Scarecrow contest has been okayed by town; scarecrows will be in front of the town hall from Sep 25-28; there will be prizes for winners. Stakes will be available at the library for \$10 each, the contest is a fundraiser for an area church. Library may make a scarecrow; Kaye will ask if our fee can be waived. Town gave \$250 toward event; some of that amount will cover ten new signs ordered. Additionally, the Hampton Recreation Commission gave \$500 for music. A horn player has been engaged, more to come. Hay rides have been arranged. Young Marines have been contacted. **2.** Computer and printer were not sold at yard sale; will need to be disposed of. **C. Property: 1.** Faucet fixture was replaced. Due to steam pipe location, the fixture could not be angled downward as optimal. Therefore, when closing for the winter we should attempt to use a cloth to dry up standing water in the pipe to prevent rusting out. **2.** Soffit repair in front of building and ground board repair at rear entrance to be done by Sam Nunn. He has agreed Soffit work will be done for free and we will in turn place his sign on Main St. for 1 month and Cedar Swamp Rd for 1 month. He will also be asked for a price to take down the overgrown cedar. Motion made by Larsen, 2nd by Kaye to spend up to \$500 for tree removal. **3.** Power washing building and front yard stump grinding are on 5-year plan; parking lot is still a problem. Bonnie can get bids.

New Business: Terms of board members reviewed. Only Astin term is up in 2025. He has agreed to stay on if the Board wishes. The Board agreed they would like him to stay on for another term.

Motion to adjourn at 4:54 made by Edwards, 2nd by Larsen and approved. Next meeting September 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Desjardin