

REGULAR LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday

May 19th. 2026

5:00 PM Meeting Zoom/ Second Floor Library

Minutes

Members present: Paula Wurst; chair, Marilyn Hartig, Kerrey Andreas, Monique Darton, Peggy Ross, Mary Whittaker

Members absent: Mike Peterson

Staff present: Lauren Schuppe, Library Director, Paul Karpinski, Recreation Director

Public Present: Helen Roland of the FriendsCircle

Meeting Called to order at 5:04pm by Paula Wurst.

I. Public Comment: none

II. Minutes

- a. Regular Library Board Meeting April 21st, 2026: Motion by Peggy to approve minutes, second by Mary, all in favor, motion carried.

III. Policy

- a. Discuss and Approve Summer Recreation Policy Doc: Discussion on how professional and thorough the draft of the policy is. Next steps are to have the Town Administrator and Town Attorney review it. (Zoom recording began here, just prior to the motion.) Motion by Peggy to approve the policy as a draft, and to move forward working on it. Second by Marilyn, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. NWLN-Compliance 2026
- c. NWLN-Privacy Policy
- d. Collection Development Agreement
- e. NWLS-WLA-Membership Agreement

Motion by Mary to approve all four documents for annual compliance with Northern Waters Library Service, second by Peggy, all in favor, motion carried.

IV. Financials

- a. Sign the Directors Timesheet: Motion by Kerrey to approve, second by Mary, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Approve Vouchers

Adobe	\$137.13
Amazon	119.16
ArrowLift	1596.20 and \$141.00
Cricut	101.15
Debbie Knopf	131.74
Google	21.00
Norvado	196.21
New York Times	112.00
Town of La Pointe (NMV stickers)	300.00
UHaul	431.32

Motion by Peggy to approve vouchers as submitted, second by Mary, all in favor, Motion Carried.

V. Directors Report

Lauren reported on getting Paul going as the Rec Director, Town Board gave preliminary approval for Lauren to continue to pursue updating skate park, summer book sale is out, Helen and the FriendsCircle have been working hard at their annual woods clean up and wood chipping. Lauren will be working on website and Library merchandize for the summer.

VI. Personnel

- a. Hire True North for Recreation Director II: Motion by Marilyn to hire True North as Recreation Director II starting 5/19/26 through 9/1/26 hours not to exceed 500 at \$22.00/ hour, second by Monique, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Hire Olivia Boyce for Recreation Assistant: Motion by Mary to hire Olivia Boyce as a Recreation Assistant starting 5/28/26 through 9/1/26, not to exceed 500 hours with a pay of \$20/hour, second by Kerrey, all in favor, motion carried.

VII. Building Maintenance

- a. Review and Approve Automatic Door Quote from St. Germain's Glass: Quote is over five thousand over what was budgeted. Town Board will be discussing this quote as well as one for the Town Hall at their next meeting. Library Board waiting to hear what comes from that discussion.

VIII. Ongoing Projects

a. Strategic Plan

- i. Review Quarterly Goals make action plans: Basement will not be able to work for a teen space. Potentially use the Rec Center building for a teen drop in space in the future. Basement could remain as storage and possibly a swap space in the winter months when the Island Closet is closed. Programming newsletters and flyers have been good, and a Rec Director was hired.
- ii. Community Center Non-Profit/ Collaborative: Lauren discussed some brief history of an island community center and also the Child Care Task force application for funds to get started. The Bell Street Tavern building was looked at as a possible site. Lauren has also revisited how the Beaver Island community center began because a number of non-profits bought in and created a new nonprofit for the center. There are hopes that this model could potentially work for the Island and with the Bell Street building. Paula and Lauren will discuss this idea with the chair/ presidents of the various non-profits on the Island.

b. Friends Circle

- i. Friends Report: Updates from Helen Roland include the sound garden and library woods refresh. New plantings in the front of Library, keeping buckthorn under control, volunteer organizing/ outreach and planning events and fundraisers.

c. Continuing Education Scholarship

- i. Review Applications and Award Funds: Two applications received and meet the criteria. Motion by Peggy to award both Ethan Keller and Isla

'Keith' Bernier \$2000 from the education scholarship fund. Second by Mary, all in favor (Kerrey abstains), motion carried.

- IX. Future Agenda Items:** follow up from the collaborative nonprofit idea, final draft of Summer Rec Policy, event ideas.

Adjourn: Motion by Mary, second by Kerrey, all in favor, motion carried. Adjourned at 6:31pm.

Minutes taken from Zoom recording and respectfully submitted by Micaela Montagne.
Approved 6/16/26.