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Town of Chester Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Mary Stein called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. Present: Mary Stein, Greg Gross, Maggie Carpenter, Hali Holmes; Library Director: Alma Alvarez. Not Present: Ryan Hutton, Vanessa Hutton, Nancy Stokholm, Noelle McCrum; Friends of the Library: Linda Taverni; Town Rep: Jenna Marie Cooper.
2. **Approval of March 2026 Minutes:** Maggie moved to approve. Greg seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. **Director's Report:** Alma presented. (See attached.)
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Friends of the Library Report:** None
6. **Town Board Report:** Mary reported that the town board approved Jessica Wallace as the new library employee.
7. **Financial Report:** Maggie reported that the first quarter report will be available at the next meeting.
8. **Old Business**
 - A. **Correspondence with SALS re: renovation:** Alma reported on her email communication with Kim from SALS re: the construction grant. She clarified which funds are available for use, including monies left over from the NYS grant.
 - B. **Update from Paul Mays re: renovation.** The subcommittee will meet virtually with Paul on May 4, June 1, and July 13. After discussion, Maggie moved that we increase our matching funds from \$40,000 to \$50,000. Greg seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - C. **Meeting with John Mayday:** Mary and John discussed the plans for future library renovation projects. They also discussed increasing the salaries for library staff to make them commensurate with other town employees.
9. **New Business:**
 - A. **Approval of Annual Report to the Community:** Alma shared. Hali moved to approve. Maggie seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - B. **Email from Belsito re: webhosting:** After a short discussion, decided not to pursue.
 - C. **Greg's annual program for NWCS seniors:** Will take place in late May or early June at the high school.
 - D. **Executive Session to discuss salaries:** 9:00-9:14 a.m.

10. Next Meeting: May 20, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment: Mary moved to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. Maggie seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Hali Holmes, Secretary