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Town of Chester Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Mary Stein called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Present: Mary Stein, Greg Gross, Maggie Carpenter, Vanessa Hutton, Ryan Hutton, Noelle McCrum, Hali Holmes; Library Director: Alma Alvarez; Not Present: Friends of the Library: Linda Taverni; Town Rep: Jenna Marie Cooper.
2. **Approval of May 2026 Minutes:** Maggie moved to approve. Greg seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Director's Report:** Alma presented. (See attached.)
 - a. Alma reported that the library received a \$1,000 donation from the Hale Foundation.
 - b. Alma proposed that \$1,000 be moved from the Other Operation / Maintenance budget line to the Office and Library Supply line. Noelle moved to approve. Vanessa seconded. Passed unanimously.
5. **Friends of the Library Report:** None
6. **Town Board Report:** None
7. **Financial Report:** Maggie presented. Vanessa moved to approve. Mary seconded. Passed unanimously.
8. **Old Business: Update on Renovation**
 - a. Construction Grant was reviewed. Noelle moved to approve. Maggie seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - b. The public meeting on July 8 went very well. Alma reported that patrons have been adding sticky dots about their priorities to a second page. These will be shared with Paul Mays.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. 2027 Budget: Maggie moved to approve. Noelle seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Discussion of a new couch for the children's room. Will purchase a new cover for now.
 - c. Annual fundraiser: letters will go out at the end of October.

- d. Distribution of Adirondack Community Fund: Maggie moved to take \$13,500 from the ACF account and move it to the Endowment checking account. Vanessa seconded. Passed unanimously.

10. Next Meeting: September 16, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment: Vanessa moved to adjourn at 8:51 a.m. Maggie seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Hali Holmes, Secretary