

**Town of Chester Library Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 18, 2026**

1. **Call to Order:** Mary Stein called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Present: Mary Stein, Greg Gross, Noelle McCrum, Maggie Carpenter, Nancy Stokholm, Ryan Hutton, Vanessa Hutton, Hali Holmes; Library Director: Alma Alvarez. Not Present: Friends of the Library: Linda Taverni; Town Rep: Jenna Marie Cooper.
2. **Approval of January 2026 Minutes:** Noelle moved to approve. Maggie seconded. Vanessa abstained. Motion passed with all others voting Aye.
3. **Old Business: Meeting with Paul Mays via Zoom:** Meeting lasted about an hour. After, Mary moved to approve up to \$40,000 for the front entrance renovation. Vanessa seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **Director's Report:** Alma presented. (See attached.) Noelle moved to amend the budget in order to put the money from NYS that wasn't spent back into the grant line. Greg seconded. Passed unanimously.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Friends of the Library Report:** None
7. **Town Board Report:** None
8. **Financial Report:** Maggie presented. See attached.
9. **New Business:**
  - A. Mary moved to amend Section 1 of the Bylaws from "seven members" to "seven - eleven members." Noelle seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - B. Alma shared that the library will host a program, "Bringing together remote workers in the Adirondacks," on Mar. 12 at 6 p.m.
10. **Next Meeting:** March 18, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.
11. **Adjournment:** Greg moved to adjourn at 9:23 a.m. Nancy seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Hali Holmes, Secretary