

Town of Chester Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Mary Stein called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. Present: Mary Stein, Greg Gross, Maggie Carpenter, Vanessa Hutton, Ryan Hutton, Noelle McCrum, Hali Holmes; Library Director: Alma Alvarez; Friends of the Library: Linda Taverni; Town Rep: Jenna Marie Cooper. Not Present: Nancy Stokholm.
2. **Approval of April 2026 Minutes:** Greg moved to approve. Maggie seconded. Vanessa, Ryan, and Noelle abstained. Passed unanimously by all who voted.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Director's Report:** Alma presented. (See attached.) Alma also shared that she is getting quotes for cleaning the carpet and furniture.
5. **Friends of the Library Report:** Linda reported that they have received multiple applications for the FOL scholarship. Wine tasting fundraiser will be in Sept. at the Bond in Warrensburg. Looking for volunteers for the Farmers Market.
6. **Town Board Report:** Jenna shared budget information and the approval of increased wages for Library staff. She will look into having FOL book sales advertised on the electronic sign. She will also look at the outside entrance to the library (near the bottom of the stairs and ramp) where it's rusty, unsafe, and unsightly.
7. **Financial Report:** Maggie shared first quarterly report.
8. **Old Business**
 - A. **Update on Renovation:** Mary summarized the Committee's virtual meeting with Paul Mays and assistant, Megan. Maggie moved to pay Paul's first invoice. Vanessa seconded. Passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Renovation Committee with Paul is June 1 at 9 a.m.
 - B. **Approve Distribution from ACF Fund into Capital Fund Account:**
 1. Ryan moved to distribute \$40,000 from the Adirondack Community Fund to the Capital Fund Account. Noelle seconded. Passed unanimously.
 2. Mary moved to transfer \$10,000 from the grant line item #L2761 to the Capital Fund Account. Noelle seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - C. Greg reported that there will be no program at the school this year because Karen, the assistant librarian, is leaving. He and Lynn from the FOL are working on future programs with the Senior Center.

9. New Business: None

10. Next Meeting: June 17, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment: Mary moved to adjourn at 9:07 a.m. Noelle seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Hali Holmes, Secretary