

REGULAR MEETING

Preston Public Library Board of Trustees
Monday August 10,, 2026 at 5:30pm
In person at the Library

Present: Brian Konikowski, Jen Konikowski, Diane Deedy, Joe Caron, Natalie Caron

Absent: Courtney Major, Roberta Charpentier

1. **Call to Order** -Jen called the meeting to order at 5:45pm
2. **Acceptance of July meeting minutes**
 - a) **Motion by Jen to accept minutes with names of interviewed candidates removed. Joe seconded, all in favor.**
3. **The Treasurer's Report was discussed and is on file. Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss prepared by our accountant.**
4. **Public Comment: None**
5. **Correspondence: Received resignation of the Board from Roberta Charpentier. Brian motioned to accept, Diane seconded, all in favor.**
6. **Diane presented Manager's Report**
 - a. Circulation: Figures were up in July. Especially in Picture Books, Juvenile Fiction, and Adult Fiction
 - b. Facilities/Building Maintenance: A new thermostat for the main floor area. Work continues on restoring outside water access.
 - c. Correspondence: Waiting for inspection of fire alarms in building pending per Fire Chief
 - d. Personnel: None
 - e. Finances: Quarterly check from town deposited in Chelsea Groton Bank. Aslo Charter Oak Matching Gifts Program starting 2nd week in August
 - f. New Business: Annual Report due Oct 1 is in progress.
 - Agenda posting update, will post agenda in the Library
 - Over 100 attendees for End of Summer Reading Program held on Aug 8th. Over 100 attendees enjoyed bounce houses, cotton candy, popsicles and temporary tattoos.Prizes to be awarded 3rd week in August.
 - September calendar is in the works, including Story Time, Book Club, and National Library Card Sign Up Month.
 - g. Friends: No news, next meeting in Sept.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. **Building lease with town still pending. Waiting on proposed contract before meeting scheduled so we have time to review and consult with Lawyer if needed. Jen and Joe will attend meeting, as Sandra requested only 2 members at first meeting.**
 - b. **Fundraiser at Preston Ridge Vineyards has been cancelled, will revisit next year.**

8. New Business

- a. Jen made motion to award Drey 20 hours PTO for stepping up as Interim Co Manager. Joe Seconded, all in favor. Also motion to allow Diane 2 hours from home on Mondays to work on Payroll and Grants.
- b. Discussion on needing a sign to make Public aware of which building is the Library vs. the Town Hall. Diane will look into grants and Jen will check for pricing.
- c. Diane will look into better Web Site pricing as it now looks a little messy.

10. **Public Comment** - NONE

11. **Adjournment**

- a. Jen made a motion to adjourn at 6:25; Brian seconded; all in favor; motion passed

Next meeting: Mon Sept 14, 2026, time 5:30 at Library with virtual option

Respectfully submitted, Jen Konikowski