

Approved Minutes May 13, 2025  
Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library  
Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Special Meeting

Trustee Attendance: Dan McKissack, Patty Wallesverd, Dianna Blicharz, Kathleen Olkowski, Karen Meyer, Rich Mahlerwein (arrives 4:07)

Excused: Jeff Boehm

Other Attendees: Jill Roth, Linnea Ebann, Mari Lynn Garbowicz, Beth Jacobson, Josh Paetow

Remote: Ann Asbeck

Dan McKissack called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**Agenda:**

Motion by Patty, seconded by Karen to approve the agenda in any order. All ayes, motion carried.

**Landscaping Plan:** The meeting began with introductions. Linnea presented the proposed front landscaping project and then discussed the slight changes. A buffer was planned in the space between the library and the veterans memorial and to install pavers along the sidewalk. The overall aesthetic aimed to align cohesively with the celebration garden.

The group reviewed and discussed the proposed plans. Rich arrived at 4:07. Mulch sealant was discussed to secure the woodchips. They planned the pavers along the sidewalk to protect town machinery.

The group discussed the manhole access point for Bug Tussel and its proposed relocation toward the town building. They also explored the Storybook Garden idea behind the veteran's memorial.

They discussed the timeline, agreeing to start on the south side of the library entrance and extend to the north side after completing the drainage and manhole relocation. The group determined that updated quotes and adjustments were needed for the Storybook Garden plans.

Linnea agreed to split the quotes between the south and north sides of the entrance. The board planned to discuss forwarding the proposal to the foundation at their next meeting.

More discussion is needed to determine if the back of the veteran's memorial would be available. Landscaping work on the south side was set to begin after trustee approval, while the north side would proceed following discussions on the Storybook Garden and town coordination.

Karen left at 4:50. The team discussed the extent of the veteran's memorial. Josh left at 5:06. Fundraising for the memorial was approximately 50% complete.

**Comments from public:**

**Future items:**

**Next Meeting: Regular meeting on May 20, 4:00 pm in the lower level of the library and/or via video/teleconference**

The meeting adjourned at 5:08. Motion by Patty, Seconded by Rich. All ayes. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Jill Roth, Director