

Jericho Town Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 12, 2026

Present: Barb Adams, Tom Dowd, Lindsey Halman, Linda Porter, Sue Macmillan, and Catherine Bass- Library Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm.

Community Members: Valerie Sodano, proprietor of Jericho Center Country Store

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the meeting held on April 14, 2026 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff was unable to attend, but had e-mailed everyone the statement for April. This report was accepted as written. There were a few general questions about moving some money to a higher interest account. These questions will be addressed with Jeff when he returns.

Comments from the Public:

Valerie Sodano presented an idea to hold movies on the Green in July and August. She requested that this be a collaborative project with the store and library. There was a lengthy discussion about details and sponsors. A decision was made to pilot this program in July and August and, if successful, September. The library will sponsor July and Ms. Sodano will take care of August. We will be looking for sponsors and donations. The library will provide a projector screen and speakers. There are many details to be worked out and Ms. Sodano volunteered to head this community program.

Building:

1). New Mailbox: Tom will be installing the library's new mailbox and moving the book drop to a better location.

2) Bathroom Issues: This problem has not yet been resolved: Tom offered to call a plumber.

3). Cleaning position: There is a need to find a new person for this position.

Highlights from the Director's Report:

1). Total Circulation for the previous month: 1,183

2). Planned Summer Reading Programs:

June 6th – Pet Parade

June 13th - Siber Sled Puppies

June 20th – Summer Reading Launch Party at the Jericho Community Center with DRML.

Summer Reading Programs in the works / Dates to be Determined:

Crafts and Pen Pal programs with Riot Craft Studio

Slime Club

Drop -in Makerspace activities
Spanish story times
Puppet Kabob Workshop
Read with a Dog
Six-legged stories with Bernie Paquette
Vermont Historical Society free programs

3). Accessibility: Catherine has been working with Emily Algranati of the VT Association for the Blind. The goal is increased communication about accessibility for blind and visually impaired patrons.

Old Business:

1). Building Project: The focus of the next phase of work will be structural repairs to the existing building. The three main components of this work are the roof structure, cupola support and foundation. The priority for the next step is to get competitive bids for the repairs that were outlined by EV. Board members were given structural repair notes from 4/24/26 and Zoom meeting notes from 5/4/26 to provide additional details. Select Board member Chris Brown is heading up this work.

2). Governance Committee: No new decisions have been made by this committee. Amy Kapitan, is the Select Board liason for this on-going work.

3). By Laws: Article VI , Section 3 was reviewed and suggestions were made. A vote on this was not taken because all board members were not present. Work on Article 1, Section #2 was tabled.

New Business:

1). Strategic Plan Review: Tabled to a future meeting.

2). Memorial Day weekend hours: It was determined that the hours will remain the same as usual. Saturday, May 23rd – 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Sunday, May 24th – Closed
Monday, May 25th / Memorial Day – Closed
Tuesday, May 26th – Regular hours – 10 AM – 7 PM

3). Outside Project in Front yard: Tabled to a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:45 PM– 7:15 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Macmillan/ JTL Secretary

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 9th at 5:30 PM.