

**BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING**

MINUTES

February 17, 2026

Meeting Called By	Constance Franciosi (Chair)
Type of Meeting	Regular
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Anderson
Attendees	Constance Franciosi, Jennifer Anderson, Nancy Donnelly, Matthew Gerritsen, Nancy Sarno Jed Phillips, Director
Call to Order	7:10 p.m.
Meeting Adjournment	8:27 p.m.

Meeting of the Board of Public Library Trustees (the “Trustees”) of the Bridgewater Public Library (“Library”) was held in person at the Bridgewater Library. The date, time and access information were posted pursuant to the relevant open meeting rules.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL:

It was moved (Gerritsen) and seconded (Sarno) to approve the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

2. SECRETARY’S REPORT:

It was moved (Gerritsen) and seconded (Sarno) that January minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

3. CHAIR’S REPORT

a. Chair updated that there are now three people who have pulled papers for the 2 open spots on the BPL Board of Trustees. All three candidates are known by current board members.

b. Chair shared article from the Boston Globe by a woman who writes a column regarding love letters. Author thought it would be a great idea to set up a phone booth for venting love frustrations. Author shared it with the Boston Public Library. Staff thought it was a great idea and made it happen. It has been set up at the Boston Public Library.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

No Correspondence

5. DIRECTOR’ S REPORT

a. Very busy at the library this past month- lots of programming and patrons

b. Electrical work is 75% completed

- c. New stair treads and risers have been installed and look great. They are waterproof and easy to clean.
- d. Capital money has been assigned and is in accounts. This is the money for new columns, windows, flooring, parking lot work, assessment/work on entry arch, updated railings for ADA compliance, walkway/ramp for pavilion. Working from outside of the property to the inside. Columns will be completed first.
- e. Very productive meeting with BSU- potential of a \$30,000 upgrade to the Flora T. Little Room to support both the classes they have here and the library
- f. The town has determined that there will not be a substitute librarian hired when one of the staff goes out on leave. Given the lack of staffing this will cause the library to be closed on Saturdays for 12 weeks. This will not impact MBLC requirements for open hours as long as it is temporary.
- g. Last week the waiver to MBLC was approved.
- h. Town Manager spoke with Director and shared that he feels badly that he is unable to meet with the Trustees due to prior commitments on Tuesdays, but is happy to meet with the Board on other days or if there is a special meeting that does not happen on a Tuesday.
- i. Many upcoming programs in the library that should be well attended.
- j. Director had the outlets set up for the study pods. Waiting for nicer weather to have pods delivered due to parking lot restrictions given all of the snow.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Building and Grounds- Nothing to report
- b. Strategic Planning- Nothing to report
- c. Special Events and Outreach- Nothing to report

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Town Code Amendments – Town Manager wants to review proposed ordinances before it is on the agenda. Trustee Gerritsen is going to request a meeting with Town Manager.
- b. Flora T. Little Board needs to appoint someone for the vacancy on the Board for the Flora T. Little Trust. Board meets twice a year. Trustees to brainstorm possible candidates.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2026

There being no further business the meeting was, upon motion duly made (Gerritsen) and seconded (Sarno), adjourned at 8:27 PM.