

**BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING**

MINUTES

April 13, 2026

Meeting Called By	Constance Franciosi (Chair)
Type of Meeting	Regular
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Anderson
Attendees	Constance Franciosi, Jennifer Anderson, Danielle Oliari, Matthew Gerritsen, Nancy Sarno, Janet Dye Jed Phillips, Director Justin Casanova-Davis, Town Manager
Call to Order	7:00 p.m.
Meeting Adjournment	8:13 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 7:00 PM.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. The Trustees received a letter from BCCR regarding flag raising. Motion (Oliari) and seconded (Sarno) to formally support flag raising at the library with a letter to Town Manager/Town Council to be drafted by Chair.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. FY 27 budget proposals- Director sent the trustees an email with regard to upcoming town budget. Cut to staff hours is demoralizing. Cuts to budget will impact the library’s ability to function. The town needs to make a financial commitment to the library. The library will be decertified if the proposed budget is accepted, and it will take years to recover from this. If the library becomes decertified, the library will need to be fully compliant in order to recertify. Currently the library is 90% compliant on hours, and is on a waiver for the budget. If the proposed budget passes, the library will lose state aid as it will not be compliant.

Town Manager explained rational for cuts with the trustees.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2026

There being no further business the meeting was, upon motion duly made (Sarno) and seconded (Oliari), adjourned at 8:13 PM.