

BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
June 15, 2026

Meeting Called By	Constance Franciosi (Chair)
Type of Meeting	Regular
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Anderson
Attendees	Constance Franciosi, Jennifer Anderson, Kerry Lundin, Linda Lundin, Nancy Sarno, Danielle Oliari, Matthew Gerritsen, Stacey DeCotis Jed Phillips, Director
Call to Order	7:08 p.m.
Meeting Adjournment	9:01 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 7:08 PM.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL:

It was moved (Sarno) and seconded (Oliari) to approve the updated/provided Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

2. SECRETARY’S REPORT:

It was moved (Oliari) and seconded (Gerritsen) that April 13th minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously. It was moved (Dye) and seconded (DeCotis) that April 21st minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

3. CHAIR’S REPORT:

a. Chair welcomed the 2 newly elected trustees, Kerry and Linda Lundin. The trustees are happy to have them.

b. Chair thanked the trustees for their contributions to National Library Workers Day

c. Friends update- Open Meeting held 5/18/26- Chair and trustee Gerritsen attended. The Friends recently received two generous donations to add to the fund. Infographic shared with the Friends to provide them with budget information. Book sale planned for the fall. Discussion with Friends regarding help that may be needed for the Library with programs etc.

d. Chair thanked the trustees for their book recommendations.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Handwritten from BCCR thanking the Trustees for their support for Pride and Juneteenth flag raisings. Trustees invited to attend.

b. BCCR reached out as they are concerned with the budget cuts to the library and asked how they could help.

5. DIRECTOR' S REPORT:

a. Columns are set to be completely replaced in June.

b. BCCR reached out to the Director to see what they could do to support the library and the budget cuts.

c. Staff back from leave, which has been helpful.

d. Pod building is moving along.

e. Town Council officially accepted the budget as is. This means as of July 1st the Library will be closed on Fridays and Saturdays. This will put the library 20 hours short for hours and \$175, 000 short on budget in terms of requirements. Director will begin the process of requesting a waiver.

f. Taylor's children's story hour has been very successful.

g. John Hatfield partnering with the library to have a martial arts for children class at the library

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Building and Grounds- Home Depot returned and replaced some shrubs. New benches along the driveway. Speed bumps will be going in.

b. Strategic Planning- Nothing to report

c. Special Events and Outreach- Juneteenth update in Old Business

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Town Code Amendment- Nothing to report. Trustee Gerritsen will get in contact with the Town Manager.

b. FY 27 Budget – Discussed collaboration with BCCR for a standout. Proposal to draft and post a statement from the Trustees regarding the FY 27 Budget. Trustees to attend Town Council Meetings and speak at Hearing of the Visitors. Trustees to develop a script to share with public to reach out to the town council members.

c. Juneteenth planning – June 13th at BSU. Sharing table with Friends, who will be giving books away. Discussed story book trail plan. Discussed staffing.

d. Library Director Evaluation Tool – Reviewed. To be edited and voted on at June meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Election of officers for 2026-2027

Chair- Constance Franciosi nominated (Oliari) and seconded (Anderson). Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair – Danielle Oliari nominated (Anderson) and seconded (Dye). Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary – Jennifer Anderson nominated (Oliari) and seconded (Decotis). Motion passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: June 16, 2026

There being no further business the meeting was, upon motion duly made (Oliari) and seconded (L. Lundin), adjourned at 9:01 PM.