

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 6th, 2025**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Holiday at 5:00pm. Attending the meeting (from the library) were Dena Marger, Stacey Kripp, Stacy Bryck, Linda DeCarlo-Burns, and Dave Schottland (via Zoom).

Additions to Agenda

Current warrant approval

Recognition of Visitors

The following visitors were recognized at the meeting: Thomas Nolan, Randy Hickin, Nicoal Price, Eileen Lyons, Catherine O'Callaghan, Russell Burns, Beth Shulman, Jerelyn Wilson, Gail Sorenson

Discussion of Transition

- Thomas began the meeting, going over the goals and intentions, which were namely to look at the structure of a new/revised board, discuss communication logistics (i.e. when interested parties are interesting in using the Community Center in some capacity), and ultimately devise a proposal to bring to Town Meeting in March. Thomas also said he would like to “bring cohesion and efficiency to the running of the library/Community Center.”
- The question came up over whether the library has the ability to change its own bylaws and create two new Trustee seats. The question was unresolved.
- A question about fundraising came up. Dena pointed out that the library is a municipal organization, which is why Lydia’s Friends exists for fundraising.
- Beth asked if the library will be changing its focus at all, as it merges with the Community Center.
- Dave pointed out that a library schedules various programs throughout the year, and therefore the librarian should not be stripped of that role, should other Trustees be given the task of planning events.
- Dena reminded the group that a library is a building with people and activities, and there doesn’t need to be a separate entity for events and community-related activities.
- The question came up about other towns who have joint library-community centers.
- Randy shared a brief history of the Community Center and how the library was given space there.
- Dena proposed that the town make the same deal it has had with the DCC (with the library), but she would like to see an official document that spells out the relationship.
- Randy proposed the idea of having two boards. It was pointed out that the goal is to create one board, which is endorsed by the Select Board.
- The function of the back room (the Meeting Room) was briefly discussed.

- Linda briefly talked about finances: the item “rent” on the library’s budget will change to “operating expenses.” Linda said that according to former DCC board member Paul Chapman, the yearly expensive of the Community Center amount to roughly \$16,000. It was pointed out that the library has been funding the biweekly cleaning of the building. Randy asked for copies of invoices, so the library can be reimbursed.
- Linda asked Thomas what the next steps will be and whether she can share the business plan she has composed. Thomas suggested that for now we focus on the one-page proposal to share with the town.
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 4th at 5:30.

Approval of Warrant

Stacy made a motion to approve the most recent warrant, which was seconded by Linda, and the motion passed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20.

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