

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 8th, 2025**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Holiday at 11:00am. Attending the meeting were Dena Marger, Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Stacy Bryck, Stacey Kripp, Dave Schottland, and Marvin Luna.

Additions to Agenda

- Library data requested by the Select Board
- HUD grant

Recognition of Visitors

No visitors

Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion was made by Linda to approve last month's minutes, which was seconded by Dave, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- a. Budget Report
No report was given, but Linda shared that when she submitted the budget to the Select Board there were a lot of questions, and the library board will likely need to bring the budget to Town Meeting for approval.
The Building Bright Futures grant ends on 12/15, so all final purchases have to be made on the day of this meeting for warrant approval.
- b. Warrant Approval
Dave made a motion to approve the most recent warrant, which was seconded by Stacy, and the motion passed.

Librarian's Report

The Librarian's Report can be found at the end of this document.

Old Business

- a. Annual Appeal
The annual appeal has been submitted to Minuteman Press and should be mailed out next week.
- b. Policies
Tabled for now.
- c. Transition Plans

The trustees reviewed last week's community meeting. The general hope of the trustees is to extend its board by two seats for a total of seven who will be in charge of operating the building, likely with the help of volunteers.

New Business

a. Request for Trustee Email Addresses to be Posted

The Select Board has requested that the library trustees allow for their personal email addresses to be posted on the town website.

Dave will be contacting the Select Board to ask about a .org email address for the trustees (like ltptrustees@dummerston.org), which will be monitored by the secretary.

b. Moving Meeting Times

The trustees will continue to meet on the second Monday of the month at 11:00am for January and February, and then the day will move to the second Wednesday of each month at 11:00am beginning in March.

c. Data Requested by the Select Board

The Select Board would like the following information from the library:

- How many people walked into the library who did not attend programs?
- Is 1827 the people who attended programs, added to the number people who went to the library?
- How many new users?
- How many Dummerston residents use the library?
- How many children attended programs?
- Numbers of people at each program?

d. HUD Grant

Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grants of \$50,000 to \$400,000 are being made available to Libraries by the Vermont Department of Libraries. Applications are due at the end of March.

e. Executive Session – Personnel Performance Evaluation

At 12:45 the board entered executive session.

At 1:00 the board exited executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00.