

Director's Report Feb 2026

Good vibes: The puzzle contest winner we chose responded saying he's never won anything before!

Mah Jongg Monday 2/9 had 18 people! 'Most we've ever had!'

Regarding the Santa tree for Meals on Wheels, one gift recipient said: I'm amazed at the amount of love that was put into each gift...I now understand the true excitement of the holiday.

- Julie applied for and received a Humanities to go grant! Hampstead Public Library will screen a 30 minute excerpt of Ken Burns THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION and then a NHH trained facilitator will moderate a community discussion (a \$370 value) and \$300 stipend to support a related community program.
- MOU will be on the March Select Board meeting agenda. Tina sent the board the original and our new draft to review.
- Deliberative session on Feb 5 went smoothly for the library's warrant article. No one had questions about our \$12,000 request for our non-capital building expense fund.
- CIP committee is asking for any planned expenses over \$10,000 over the next 5 years. I have a spreadsheet that I shared last year that predicted costs for big things we may face. I will update it and provide it. Next CIP meeting is 2/19.
- The 2nd Basement sump pump is installed in the newly enlarged pump pit. We did a lot of work on our infrastructure in the past year!
- Staff have discussed some of our 2026 strategic goals. Continuing the good work we did with the strategic plan, we're looking ahead to build on the successes we've had so far. (see attached list)
- Some of our book woes have resolved since our major distributor has improved their delivery times greatly.
- As part of the USA 250th birthday we have a lot of events planned. Please participate in the Great Hampstead read and vote for your 5 favorite books at the front desk. Also, we've got a list of the top 100 books and our goal is to have folks in Hampstead sign up to each read one of these books and rate it! See the display downstairs.
- Much of our encumbered funds have been spent. Waiting still on elevator cables, study rooms tables to come in and invoices. Will check with Tina and Mike on how they need these funds tracked and reported to them.