

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2025

6:30pm – 9 Mary E. Clark Drive, Hampstead, NH

Meeting Room

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:33pm.

Present: President Nick Mancusi, Vice President Lisa Hodge, Secretary June Lahey, Trustees Liaison Carol Cipriano, Library Liaison Emily Wentworth, Thrift Shop Manager Sue Mancusi, members Barbara Stilwell, Glenda, and Martha Swiderski. Member Danielle Cayer attended at 6:42pm.

2. President's Report

- Since the last meeting, the thrift shop renovations have been completed. Nick wanted to thank all the volunteers who donated their time and their materials: East Cost Lumber, Mancusi Builders, Maverick Electric, Norfolk Kitchen and Bath, and Scott's Painting.
- Lisa and Nick are now signatories.
- Nick has set up a credit card for the Friends. Nick, Lisa, and Kara all have cards. Palmer Gas can now be set up for automatic payments.
- TD Bank now requires conductors to be added to the account to make deposits. Sue Mancusi has signed on as a conductor.
- Sue attended a meeting with a credit card machine company set up by Kara. Nick and Lisa will have another meeting to learn more about the options.
- Elections are coming up for board members.

3. Secretary's Report

- Motion to approve March 13 meeting minutes made by Sue, seconded by Lisa, all in favor.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Kara was not present to give her report.

4. Vice President's Report

- Lisa attended the Friends of Rockingham County meeting on May 21st. She shared notes on fundraising ideas and how other groups manage their finances.
- There have been no new members. Lisa would like to send out renewal forms by July 15th.
- The Facebook page has 444 followers and continues to grow. Lisa continues to seek new ways to promote engagement.

5. Library Liaison's Report

- Since the last meeting, a motion for the Friends to fund \$43 for two standard mah jongg cards and one large print was made by Emily, seconded by June, and passed with 5 yeas on April 11, 2025.
- Pre-approved checks were paid out for: Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum \$225, Seacoast Science Center \$150, Museum of Science \$350, Currier Museum of Art \$100, and quarter 3 yoga \$100.

- Emily requested participation in the annual bake sale that coincides with the book sale by any Friends members interested in contributing.

6. Trustees Liaison's Report

- There was no update for the Trustees.

7. Thrift Shop Manager's Report

- There have been many new people visiting the thrift shop. Business continues steadily.

Old Business

8. Fundraising Committee

- Glenda has offered to donate her holiday decoration collection to the Friends to be sold as a fundraiser. The sale will take place on August 9th from 9am to 1pm under the pavilion at the library.
- The Thrift Shop Fashion Show is coming up on June 28th. It was agreed that all attendees will get a \$1 off coupon to use in the thrift shop that day only. The friends will get supplies to make coffee for the event.
- Lisa looked into using the room at the Congregational Church. It costs \$200 and they have a no alcohol policy.
- Lisa is meeting with the owner of Get On Board next week.

New Business

9. Casino Donations

- There's a new casino opening at the Rockingham Mall in Salem, NH. They were accepting applications for partnerships with local charities. The Friends were not able to get the application together in time before the deadline. Lisa will continue to prepare the application for the next time the casino opens for partnerships.

10. Year End Board Meeting and Elections

- The Board will be filling the position of Secretary. Elections will occur on August 21st.
- Ideas were discussed to get people to sign up for Friends memberships.
- Lisa is going to look into the availability of hosting the next meeting at Sweet Baby Vineyard.

10. Front of Building Rocks

- Danielle asked if the Friends would be interested in contributing to funds for replenishing the rocks in the front gardens at the front of the library building. She will coordinate with the Garden Club, DPW, and the library to find out what is needed.

11. Next Meeting

- **August 21, 2025 @ 6:30pm**

12. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Danielle, seconded by Susan, all in favor, meeting adjourned 8:25pm.

Minutes prepared by Emily Wentworth for Secretary June Lahey.