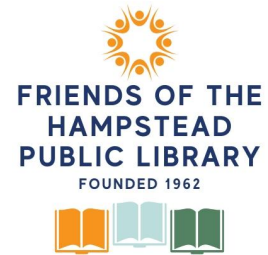


Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2026

6:00pm – 9 Mary E. Clark Drive, Hampstead, NH
Crowley Room



1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:06pm.

Present: President Nick Mancusi, Vice President Lisa Hodge, Treasurer Nagaraj Bukkapatnam, Secretary Danielle Cayer, Trustees Liaison Carol Cipriano, Library Liaison Emily Wentworth, Thrift Shop Manager Sue Mancusi, member Martha Swiderski.

Motion to approve minutes from December 11, 2025 meeting made by Lisa, seconded by Susan, all in favor.

2. President's Report

- The Thrift Shop ran out of heating fuel in February. Nick set up automatic deliveries with auto pay again.
- Meet and Greet is March 28, 2026, the Friends will have a table there. The Friends are providing cookies and waters.

3. Treasurer's Report

- On March 18, 2026 Lisa made a motion for Danielle, Sue, and Nagaraj to have Friends credit cards, seconded by Emily, Lisa yes, Emily yes, Danielle yes, Nick yes, Susan yes. Motion passed.
- On March 19, 2026 Lisa made a motion that the Friends purchase and send a gift card for \$500 to 110 Grill to Rosatone & Bell in appreciation for the work they did, seconded by Nick, Danielle yes, Lisa yes, Nick yes, Susan yes, Carol yes, Emily yes. Motion passed.
- The Thrift Shop is the main source of income for the Friends, but there is interest in seeking other avenues of fundraising. Money coming in continues to be greater than what is being spent.
- The credit card system in the Thrift Shop has been working great. Still working out some tracking issues with cash, they may start entering cash sales into the system as well rather than using a spreadsheet.
- Total income since the beginning of the fiscal year in September 2025 is \$26,269. Current account balance is \$69,971.38.

4. Vice President's Report

- There have been 3 new lifetime memberships since December for a total of 68. There are 93 official members in total.
- The Friends Facebook page currently has 577 followers. A video posted before the opening of the thrift shop spring restock garnered 1,500 views.
- The Friends have a liability policy with State Farm. This policy covers general shop problems such as personal injury. Lisa looked into the necessity of officer and directors coverage, she will get a quote.

5. Library Liaison's Report

- On February 2, 2026 Emily made a motion for the Friends to fund 4 large print mah jongg cards for a total of \$60, seconded by Carol, Carol yes, Lisa yes, Nagaraj yes, Susan yes, Danielle yes. Motion passed.
- On February 2, 2026 Emily made a motion for the Friends to support up to \$600 to cover a portion of students' cost for a Safesitter course, seconded by Carol, Carol yes, Lisa yes, Nagaraj yes, Susan yes, Danielle yes. Motion passed.
- Museum pass renewals so far this year include \$450 for The Butterfly Place, \$105 for the NH State Parks pass, \$150 for the Aviation Museum, \$125 for Bedrock Gardens, \$300 for Castle in the Clouds, and \$250 for Peabody Essex Museum.
- Pre-approved quarter 1 yoga payment was requested for \$100.
- Emily shared a letter from Julie requesting \$150 for a goat meet and greet program in June. Motion to fund the program made by Danielle, seconded by Nick, all in favor.
- Emily shared a request for the Friends to support two new critter crates for the library collection, a cat and a dog, for a total of \$212.95. Motion to cover the cost of the two new critter crates made by Lisa, seconded by Danielle, all in favor.
- The library's giant jenga is in need of replacing after being checked out 113 times over the past 4 years. Motion for the Friends to fund replacement jenga for \$129.95 made by Sue, seconded by Danielle, all in favor.
- Emily shared a letter from Megan requesting up to \$4,500 for the 2026 Summer Reading Program. Motion to fund up to \$4,500 for summer reading made by Danielle, seconded by Lisa, all in favor.

6. Trustees Liaison's Report

- Carol continues to update the library trustees on the Friends and the Thrift Shop.
- The library is working on planning around the default budget.

7. Thrift Shop Manager's Report

- The spring opening was a great success! Advertising on Facebook helped significantly.
- There are many wonderful volunteers who have been so helpful.
- The Thrift Shop is looking for a spare device to play music on.

Old Business

8. Review of Strategic Planning Session

- Vision Statement: To support and enrich our community by advocating for the Hampstead Public Library.
- Mission Statement: To promote community engagement and lifelong learning by providing volunteer support, raising funds, and advocating for library programs and services that enrich the community.

9. Board Member Compliance

- Lisa went to a meeting of Friends groups where the responsibilities and legal compliances of boards were discussed. She shared a list of the duties of a board, including care, loyalty, and obedience.

New Business

10. Review of the Bylaws

- Board members will review the bylaws in preparation for a discussion of changes and additions at the next meeting.

11. Upcoming Meetings

- Membership meeting August 27 or 28, 2026. Lisa will look into holding it at Sweet Baby Vineyard.

12. Next Meeting

- **June 11 or 12, 2026 @ 6:00pm - Susan Mancusi's Home**

13. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Emily, seconded by Danielle, all in favor, meeting adjourned 7:48pm.