

**Fort Edward Free Library
Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025**

Attendance: James Donahue, John Godfrey, Mary Ellen Fisher, Kate Hunsdon-Stannard, Morgan Clark

Staff: Vicki Plude

Welcome: A meeting was called to order by James Donahue at 7:03 p.m. In person and Google Meet. Minutes of the March 12th meeting were unanimously approved (M.E. Fisher, M. Clark).

Financial Report:

- Bills were paid and accounts balanced through the end of March 31, 2025.
- Checkbook reconciled as of March 31, 2025.
- Bascom Trust received 4/1
- Sent 1st Quarter Report and 990 to Eric Smatko.

Librarian's Report:

- Report of items, patrons, circulation, new items, Wi-Fi usage, and interlibrary loans for March.
- Book club met with an attendance of 6.
- NYS annual report was sent in and approved.
- Vicki was the mystery reader at school and celebrated the library's 110th birthday while there.
- SALS grant was submitted and approved.
- the 2025 construction grant was submitted with the purpose to purchase benches and outdoor collapsible chairs.

Correspondence:

- National Grid- will be installing a smart meter.
- SALS- the annual trustee meeting will be on 5/19 at 5:30p.m.
- NFP Property- Worker's Comp Audit
- USS Slater- regarding purchasing tickets for 1 year- will pass.

Unfinished Business:

- Blue Mountain Lake- James will reach out to Paul.
- Microscopes- will order at the end of May or early June.
- Pipes- will get prices for both the access panel and shutoff valve replacement.
- 110th anniversary- changed to December. Paul will look for library photos.
- Ray Perras- accepted his bid and paid.
- Birds of Prey will be June 17th.
- Received the Stewart's Grant.

New Business:

- McKenna now has an account through SALS
- Backyard- Vicki will be looking for someone to limb trees.
- Driveway has a crack that needs filling. Will talk to town.
- Survey to the Oaks- they will have a meeting and let Vicki know if they want to continue the program.
- GF Foundation Grant for 2024- Vicki will submit.
- Home For Aged Women 2024- Vicki will submit.
- Vicki will be setting up drop-in activities for Spring Break.
- Free food grant- would like the library be a pickup point.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. and was unanimously approved (M. Clark, M.E. Fisher).

Draft submitted by Secretary Kate Hunsdon-Stannard