

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

Attendance: John Godfrey, Mary Ellen Fisher, Morgan Clark, Kate Hunsdon

Absent: James Donahue

Staff: Vicki Plude

Welcome: A meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. In person. Minutes of the May meeting were unanimously approved (M.E. Fisher, M. Clark).

Financial Report:

- Bills were paid and accounts balanced through May 31st, 2026.
- Checkbook reconciled as of May 31st, 2026.
- Two of the trusts were received. Will have fiduciary find out why the 3rd one was not received.
- Trees were cut down and paid for.

Librarian's Report:

- Report of items, patrons, circulation, new items, Wi-Fi usage, and interlibrary loans for May.
- Book club met with 8 in attendance.
- Garden club met with 6 in attendance.
- National Honor Society members helped at the library for community service. 5 were in attendance.
- There was a PFAS meeting on 6/2 at the school.

- The book sale started yesterday. Will go through Thursday. Will get rid of whatever is left on Friday.

Correspondence:

- Rec'd from SALS- an "Outreach Everywhere" award.
- Rec'd from Washington County Home for Aged Women- grant application-due by 7/6. Will ask for \$5000: \$3500 for large print books and \$1500 for audio and Playaway books.
- Rec'd from National Business- usage report and request for updated tax exempt form. Form has been sent.
- Rec'd from The Hartford- privacy policy.
- Rec'd from SALS- Plan of Service
- Rec'd from Kim Bolan- upcoming Trustee courses: 6/17, 9/25 and 10/29.
- Rec'd from St. Jude- donation request.

Unfinished Business:

- Lawn- on hold
- Paul McCarty program- on hold
- Downton Abbey movie- in July
- Book Sale- happening now. Corn hole raffle on hold until parade in September.

New Business:

- Vicki has donated pens with the library logo.
- An individual that needed community service hours helped at the library. Hours are complete.
- Story time starts on 6/17. An ad will be in the Chronicle on 6/11.
- The Summer Reading program is ready to begin.
- Ray Perras is out of work. Jeremy Carter is filling in for now.

- Discussion about possibly have a fundraiser with multiple raffles.
- The Rec Department will not have a pool party this year.
- Discussion about a possible program or event involving fishing.
- The Class reunion will meet in August.
- The Door needs repair. Will look at quotes for concrete.

A motion to adjourn and enter summer session was unanimously approved at 8:06 p.m. (M. Clark, M.E. Fisher). James and Mary Ellen will handle all business until the board reconvenes in September.

Draft submitted by Secretary Kate Hunsdon