

West Hurley Library Board Meeting

August 19th, 2026

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1 Call to order

At 7:04pm by Patty.

1.1 Attending

- Board
 - Maria Granda, Patty Heinitz, Ross Lonstein, Rachel Scott, David Thomas, Elizabeth Unterman.

2 Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve by Patty. Second by Rachel. Carried.

3 Financial Report

3.1 Financial Reports

No Report.

3.2 Warrant List

- Approval of July Warrant List of \$10,439.66
 - Motion to approve by Elizabeth. Seconded by Maria. Carried.
- Approval of August Warrant List of \$10,425.62
 - Motion to approve by Maria. Seconded by Elizabeth. Carried.

4 Director's Report

4.1 MHLS Free Direct Access Plan

Mid-Hudson Library System Plan of Service 2022-2026

Refer to West Hurley Public Library Board Meeting Attachment for details of the proposed MHLS Plan of Service, Free Direct Access Plan updates.

- Motion to approve by Ross. Seconded by Rachel. Carried.

5 Finance Committee

No Report

6 By-Law Committee

No Report

7 Building Committee

7.1 Alarm System

The system was inspected.

7.2 Capital Projects

The library has the opportunity to apply for one of two grants available through our Assemblyperson Sarahana Shrestha. This is a different process than the grants previously discussed.

The first of these would be for operating costs and could be up to \$30,000. It is a discretionary grant so the amount awarded is dependent on a number of factors and would be available next summer.

The second is a capital grant and would be available mid next year. The minimum for this grant would be \$100,000. We would have to apply for something that has to involve a change in the building. The library has not received a capital grant in a long time.

- Replace furnace with either propane or oil burning.
 - Can we reduce our carbon footprint?
 - Would a modern heat pump work with very low outdoor temperatures?
- Replace air handler with a heat pump.
- Install a door air curtain over the front door.
- Replace the parking lot (estimate of the lifespan is 10 years).
- Investigate how to prevent ice dams.
- Solar panels (and maybe batteries).

8 Community Relations

- Friends of the Library Collaborative Meeting, Wednesday, September 9th at 7pm.
- Board will be represented by Elizabeth, Margaret, Patty.
- The group is small, has few scheduled meetings, and no President has been selected.
- Regular Friends Events
 - Raffle
 - Book Sale
 - Plant Sale
 - Membership Drive

9 Technology

- Web site transition work expected in the next month.

10 Personnel

No Report

11 Strategic Planning

No Report

12 Election Committee

- Election Tuesday September 15th 4pm-8pm.
- Notices will be at the front desk and at these locations
 - Post Office

- Hannaford Plaza (outdoors)
- Firehouse
- Stewarts

12.1 Terms Expiring in 2026

- Patricia Heinitz
- Ross Lonstein

13 Calendar

- Next meeting will be held on September 16th, 2026.

14 Adjourned

- At 7:39pm
- motion to close by Patty. Seconded by Rachel. Carried.