West Hurley Library Board Meeting

October 21st, 2026

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1 Call to order

At 7:03pm by Peggy.

1.1 Attending

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

2 Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve by Eliz. Second by Maria. Carried.

3 Financial Report

3.1 Financial Reports

- Electrical will be close to 100% over expectations.
- Otherwise expenses were lower, so should be close to par.
- Motion to approve by Peggy. Second by Ross. Carried

3.2 Warrant List

- Approval of September Warrant List of $8070.28
  - Motion to approve by Peggy. Seconded by Maria. Carried.
- Approval of October Warrant List of $13,651.52
  - Motion to approve by Peggy. Seconded by Elizabeth. Carried.

4 Director's Report

- Motion to approve by Peggy. Seconded by Elizabeth. Carried.

4.1 Yoga

We are waiting for the Fire House to be completed. Will switch to "chair yoga". The time will also change to Wednesdays at 1pm.

4.2 Wireless Router

The new wireless routers should be installed this month.

One of the two is outdoor rated. Physical security of the device suggests we mount it indoors.

4.3 Capital Grant

Assemblymember Shrestha's office will sponsor a capital grant for the library. As discussed we have these on the list:

- Replace 20 to 30-year-old fuel oil burning furances with more efficient propane furnaces
  - $21,000 for furnaces (Paraco)
  - $3,600 to remove fuel oil tanks
- Install Solar Energy System
  - $43,000 (Lighthouse Solar). A similar system was installed in Gardiner.
- Install Air Curtain

  - $10,000 for now, waiting on Lowe's AC repair

- Redo Parking Lot
  - $55,000 (Bill DeCicco & Sons, Inc.)

The Library would have to demonstrate that it can pay, it would then use that funding to pay for the items, and submit for reimbursement. The expenditure must be greater than $100,000 (currently $132,600). We currently have about $50,000 in our reserve fund. The capital fund has about $35,000. The library could look into a loan or line of credit. The work could be staggered over two years and reimbursement schedule would need to be determined.

The Director and a committee will investigate.

4.4 Friends of the Library

- The Friends Group is meeting regularly at 7pm.
  - Next meeting is October 26th.
- Katherine Chansky took over as President.
- The Director will work with the group on getting them onboarded with email for announcements.

4.5 2027 Holidays

The Director requests the library close on the following days:

Holiday	Date
New Year's Day	Friday, January 1st
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 19th
President's Day	Monday, February 15th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31st
Juneteenth	Saturday, June 19th
Independence Day	Monday, July 5th
Labor Day	Monday, September 6th
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 12th
Thanksgiving Day	Friday, November 26th
Christmas Day	Saturday, December 25th
Christmas Eve (Close Early)	Friday, December 24th @ 2pm

- Motion to accept by Peggy. Second by Elizabeth. Carried.

4.6 Program Updates

Event	Date	Attendees	Notes
Cabin Fever Party	February 21st	50	
Beginner Yoga	June 2nd	0	
Beginner Yoga	June 9nd	3	
Beginner Yoga	June 30th	1	
LEGO Club	May 20th	10	
LEGO Club	June 15th	6	
LEGO Club	July 13th	6	
LEGO Club	August 24th	6	
LEGO Club	September 14th	3	
Book Discussion	May 9th	9	
Book Discussion	May 11th	7	
Book Discussion	June 8th	8	
Book Discussion	July 13th	8	
Book Discussion	August 10th	10	
Book Discussion	September 14th	8	
Book Discussion	October 12th	10	

4.7 Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Book Discussion	November 9th 6pm
LEGO Club	November 11th 4:30pm
LEGO Club	December 14th 4:30pm
Knitting Group	Tuesdays at 6pm
Beginner Yoga	Tuesdays at 2:15pm $6/person

5 Finance Committee

No Report

6 By-Law Committee

No Report

7 Building Committee

8 Technology

- Web site transition work expected in the next month.

9 Personnel

No Report

10 Strategic Planning

No Report

11 Election Committee

- Election was held on Tuesday September 15th 4pm-8pm.
- Election results:
  - 59 Yes
  - 2 No
- Elected to Office
  - Patricia Heinitz
  - Ross Lonstein

Re-elected board members need to go to the town clerk to be sworn in (members will give the date to the Director)

12 Calendar

- Next meeting will be held on November 18th, 2026.

13 Adjourned

- At 7:45pm
- motion to close by Peggy. Seconded by Ross. Carried.