

West Hurley Library Board Meeting

January 21st, 2026

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1 Call to order at 7:07pm by Margaret

1.1 Attending

- Board
 - Maria Granda, Ross Lonstein, Rachel Scott, Margaret Smith, David Thomas, Elizabeth Unterman.

2 Approval of Minutes

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

3 Financial

3.1 Financial Reports

- Reports will be reviewed next month.

3.2 Warrant List

- approval of November Warrant List of \$17401.75
 - motion to approve by Elizabeth, seconded by Ross. Carried.

4 Director's Report

4.1 Yoga

I will have the statistics for the next board meeting. We are subsidizing the event. Will renew the events for next month. May consider a different activity (Tai Chi).

4.2 Lorelei Cleroux

Expressed thanks to the board for their generous gifts after the death of her son.

4.3 The Big Two-Hearted Donation

The library received \$5000 in unrestricted funds from this charity (Douglas Garrity).

4.4 Mitchell Donation

Michael Mitchell donated \$750 to be used towards the local history photos.

4.5 Children's Area

The children's area computer will be removed this month and the new activities will start to rotate through.

4.6 Senior Citizen Soup

Two in February and in March, location will be split among the Firehouses. See website for details.

Date	Time	Location
Weds Feb 2 nd	11am - 1pm	West Hurley Firehouse
Weds Feb 18 th	11am - 1pm	Hurley Firehouse
Weds Mar 4 th	11am - 1pm	West Hurley Firehouse
Weds Mar 18 th	11am - 1pm	Hurley Firehouse

4.7 Program Updates

Event	Date	Attending
Beginner Yoga	Dec 9 th	4
Beginner Yoga	Dec 30 th	2
LEGO Club	Dec 8 th	2
Book Discussion	Dec 8 th	8

4.8 Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Notes
Book Discussion	Feb 9 th at 6pm	
Knitting Group	Tuesdays at 6pm	
Beginner Yoga	Tuesdays at 2:15pm	\$6/person
Statue of Liberty Bus Trip	(Tentative) May 2 nd	
Tenement Museum Bus Trip	(Tentative) June 6 th	
Cabin Fever Party	Saturday, Feb 21 st	

- The Statue of Liberty and Tenement Museum Bus Trips are expected to cost about \$20 per person with the Town of Hurley subsidizing the Bus and the libraries the tickets.
- Hurley Community day being discussed for the Fall 2026.

5 By-Law Committee

See 10.2

6 Building Committee

6.1 Carpeting

High-traffic areas are showing wear and not cleaning up well. Consideration of carpet squares.

6.2 Parking Lot Resealing

Resealing the parking lot is recommended.

6.3 Door lights & Cameras installed

7 Community Relations

7.1 Update on Local History Display

- Moving ahead with photographs above the bookshelves. They will be printed at Art Craft and mounted on board without frames. They will be placed.

- Postcard printing selections include interesting locations a family home, church, and other buildings.

- Large sheet of four postcards will be placed near the computers.

7.1.1 Discussion of Art Hangings

Returning to the March 19th 2025 discussion of showing local artists. What policies would be applied and how curation would happen. What responsibilities and insurance is required.

- Maria will investigate.

- Margaret has policy from libraries in Highland and Stoneridge.

7.2 Cabin Fever Party, 11am - 1pm Saturday February, 21st.

- Door prizes ready to go.

- Craft activity will use existing materials.

- Foods to be determined.

8 Technology

8.1 Internet Service

Signed contract with ArchTop Fiber. Paperwork for the Federal grant on-going.

8.2 Website

- Signed a technology assistance contract with Mid-Hudson Library System to take over the website.

- MHLS technology will visit to update computers.

9 Personnel

No Report

10 By-Laws/Policies

10.1 Tax Cap Resolution

Whereas, the adoption of the 2026 budget for the West Hurley Public Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Laww Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of the qualified boardmembers; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the West Hurley Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2026 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on January 21st, 2026.

- Motion to approve Tax Cap Resolution by Margaret. Second by Elizabeth. Carried.

10.2 2026 Reorganization Documents

- Motion to approve Election of Officers, Item #5, by Margaret. Second by Ross. Carried.
- Motion to approve Range of Board Members, Item #6, by Elizabeth, second by Rachel. Carried.
- Motion to approve Holiday schedule, Item #7, by Maria, second by Margaret. Carried.
- Motion to approve Banks of Record, Item #10, by Margaret, second by Elizabeth. Carried.
- Motion to approve Bank Signatories, Item #11, by Margaret, second by Maria. Carried.
- Motion to approve list of Recurring Vendors, Item #12. Adding ArchTop Fiber and insurance company. Motion by Margaret, second by Ross. Carried.
- Motion to approve Newspaper of Record, Item #13, by Ross. Second by Elizabeth. Carried.
- Motion to approve Payroll Software of Record, Item #14, by Margaret. Second by Elizabeth. Carried.
- Motion to approve Staff Salaries, Item #15, by Maria. Second by Margaret. Carried.

10.2.1 Policies

- Board members acknowledged with their signatures the Code of Ethics.
- Board members acknowledged with their signatures the Conflict of Interest Policy.

11 Strategic Planning

- No Report

12 Election Committee

No Report

13 Calendar

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

14 Adjourned at 7:54pm

- motion to close by Margaret, seconded by Ross. Carried.