

# West Hurley Library Board Meeting

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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# 1 Call to order

At 7:01pm by Margaret

## 1.1 Attending

- Board
  - Maria Granda, Patty Heinitz, Ross Lonstein, Rachel Scott, Margaret Smith, David Thomas, Elizabeth Unterman.
- Others
  - Betsy Blair, Representing Town of Hurley Comprehensive Plan committee

## 2 Approval of Minutes

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

## 3 Presentation: The Town of Hurley Comprehensive Plan

- Betsy Blair is a volunteer project manager working in nine member committee.
- Committee has a presence on the Town website,  
<https://www.townofhurleyny.gov/comprehensive-plan>
- Town of Hurley last approved a plan in 2006 (google doc) (also Internet Archive, pdf 2.3MB). Commonly referred to as a "Master Plan", the idea is to characterize all the facets of the town as it currently is and to develop a vision for the future. There have been multiple efforts to plan over several years. We hope that this will be fun and build community.
- Broader and higher-level than the regular Town discussions. Refreshing the plan and seeking engagement and participation.
- Attempting to take the temperature of the entire town and engage with people younger than the committee. Reaching out to the Farm Hub, the Firehouse, library directors and members, school principals, and others points in the community. It is one of the foundations of future zoning discussions.
- In addition to the formal workshops, they are also holding "Kitchen Table Conversations" to chat about Hurley and to solicit feedback. A kit is provided to guide the discussion by other members of the community (will post a pop-up poster).

### Board Discussions

- Discussion of lack of a center in West Hurley or Glenford.
- Discussion of the existing water district in West Hurley.
- Discussion of the old West Hurley School property.
- Limitations imposed by the zoning of the Library property.
- Suggest selecting dates for holding public "kitchen table conversations".

## 4 Financial

### 4.1 Warrant List

- Approval of March Warrant List of \$7822.32
  - Motion to approve by Margaret. Seconded by Maria. Carried.

## **4.2 Financial Reports**

Looking good. Nothing unusual to report.

Town Rec. will provide vouchers for Summer Reading.

Motion to accept by Ross. Second by Patty. Carried.

## **5 Director's Report**

### **5.1 Budget**

I have done a preliminary budget for the budget committee so these numbers are very informal. We are at a 4% increase, 3% will result in cuts.

Anticipated increases:

- Building Contractual: 5.23%
- Library Operation: 2.64%
- Payroll: 4.26%
- Collection Acquisition: 1.64%

The board will review the proposal and discuss at the next meeting.

### **Discussion**

What does the board think of making that a 5% increase and increasing the budget for eBooks/eAudiobooks?

### **5.2 Bus Trip**

On the last bus trip, two participants failed to return to the bus on time. After waiting two hours for all of the ferries to return and to file a police report, the bus returned without them. They did make their way home safely. They found transportation back from Battery Park in Manhattan on their own. At no point did they contact the Library. The Library Director succeeded in contacting the individuals a day later.

The individuals had not given the library the correct contact information for either themselves or their emergency contact. We decided to ban them from future trips. Their money was returned for the next trip.

For future trips, everyone who participates will receive a waiver form when they get on the bus with contact information for the chaperones. Anyone who will not follow the requirement will not be permitted to attend.

### **5.3 Programs**

#### **5.3.1 Yoga**

LeeAnn Kuhne has taken over teaching the yoga classes. She has been attracting 8 to 9 people. Her contract is for 2 months and we can discuss extending it if there is demand.

#### **5.3.2 Preschool Story Hour**

Kelsey Christiana resigned. Katherine Chansky took over story hour and will begin in June.

### **5.4 Friends Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. A thank you to everyone who donated and helped.

Description	Amount
Raffle	\$383.00
Books	\$74.00
Baked Goods	\$220.60
Plants	\$907.00
Memberships	\$210.00

A total of \$1794.60 for the day.

## 5.5 Donation

The library received an anonymous donation of \$10,000.

## 5.6 Grants

The Library has the option to do an operations grant for a minimum of \$10,000 but is due tomorrow. A capital grant is another possibility and suggest considering the proposal for replacing the carpet and caring for the floors. Exercising the grant would allow us to preserve our capital reserve.

## 5.7 Program Updates

Event	Date	Attending
Beginner Yoga	Began in May	
LEGO Club	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	4
Book Discussion	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	11

## 5.8 Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Notes
LEGO Club	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Knitting Group	Tuesdays at 6pm	
Preschool Story Hour	Fridays 10am - 11am	Starting June
Beginner Yoga	Tuesdays 2:15pm, June 2, 9, 16, 30	\$6/person
Tenement Museum Bus Trip	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Partnership with Town of Hurley & Hurley Library

## 6 By-Law Committee

No Report

## 7 Building Committee

### 7.1 Driveway Sealing

The library parking lot has been sealed by Bill DeCicco & Sons Inc. The white lines that you see in the lot are salt that has risen to the surface. He plans on coming back in a couple of months to fix this. The library closed on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> for the parking lot

### 7.2 Brush Removal

The large area of small trees and bushes has been cleaned up and seeded with grass.

## **8 Community Relations**

No Report

## **9 Technology**

No Report

## **10 Personnel**

No Report

## **11 Strategic Planning**

No Report

## **12 Election Committee**

No Report

## **13 Calendar**

- Next meeting will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## **14 Adjourned**

At 8:10 pm

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