

ENFIELD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

DATE: April 27, 2026

LOCATION: Central Library, Director's office

PRESENT: Deborah Fiore, Sandee Nuccio, Sue Angers, Yvonne Wollenberg, Georgianna Tippo, Katie Werth and Jason Neely

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting was moved and seconded by Sue and Sandee and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The Town Council has approved \$17,000 to be combined with the \$10,000 Carnegie grant for the updating of Pearl Street's bathroom.

Re: the playscape

Last year they resurfaced the area and have now transferred funds to repair the equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

The Library is in good shape regarding the Budget.

The company that took over after Baker and Taylor closed has not been as efficient as expected with delivery of new books. Jason asked for increases in the materials budget so the staff can do in-house book processing.

The Integrated Library System (ILS) is being upgraded. Katie has been trained and, in turn, is training the staff three to four days a week. It will give a cleaner appearance to the online catalog for patrons. The system will be operational the first week of June.

Every two years the state libraries run a program called Passport to Connecticut. Patrons visit as many libraries as they can and get stamps and small treats. Enfield is giving special teabags. The children's version turns a different color when a lemon is added to the water. They love it.

In conjunction with the America 250 celebration, the Central Library will show excerpts from Ken Burns' American Revolution on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. It will be introduced by Lucy Nalpathanchil, Vice President of Community Engagement at Connecticut Public, and wife of Director Jason Neely. Sean Crane, an Enfield High School history teacher, will conduct a post-broadcast discussion.

Jason has been working with the Rotary Club to display Veterans Banners around the Town Green and historic districts. He has created bar codes to show biographies of the individuals and posted all on the library website.

Town Treasurer Heather Breton has returned from maternity leave. She, with our financial advisor Tim Flynn and Jason are looking at possible changes to the portfolio setup. It will likely involve separate documents speaking to the investment policy and the spending policy. Details to be ironed out.

DIRECTOR'S REQUEST

Jason would like to explore the marketing initiatives available, including Facebook, Instagram and targeted ads in conjunction with the Culture and Arts Commission. He has initially requested \$500.00.

This quarters total of \$1,047.99 was deposited into the Library Board Fund. It is broken down below:

- 1) Lost/Damaged \$547.99
- 2) Book Sale \$270.00
- 3) Donations \$230.00

Sue and Sandee moved to adjourn and all approved.

Next meeting will be held at the Pearl Street Library on July 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgianna Tippo
Recording Secretary