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Gilford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Jan. 14, 2026 Meeting

Attending: Katherine Dormody, Alexis Jackson, Mike Marshall, Diane Tinkham, and Peter Ellis. Thom Francoeur attended via phone.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Alexis Jackson at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Peter made a motion to accept the Dec.10, 2025 meeting minutes as written, Mike seconded, all voted in favor.

Public Comment

None

Reports

Circulation

- Circulation was similar to last year- physical usage down, digital usage is up.
- 24 new cards/borrowers last month, up from 17 last year.
- Digital circulation- 373 unique users checking out 1950 items.
- New Children's Kits have been added and other kits have been updated and we had a 76% increase in checkouts for a total of 225.
- 13 passports were processed, 159 tech questions recorded, signed 8 notaries.

Programs

- Attendance by adults was down most likely due to difficult weather.
- Holiday Exercise Social had 26 attendees and they continue monthly.
- 149 people participated in the four Gingerbread House decorating times.
- Candlelight Stroll was successful, crowded and more manageable without the participation from the children's choirs.

Budget

- We've spent approximately 90% of the appropriated 2025 budget.
- The remaining funds are from wages/benefits and also from the orders of materials that weren't spent down due to the closure of our book supplier.
- GPL begins 2026 with approximately \$12,000 encumbered from 2025 including purchase orders for Caroselli Painting, Johnson and Jordan, and ENE for computer setup.
- Amazon's new Library Division is now a source for purchasing materials.

- Volunteer Dorothy Piquado continues to process records for new items with information provided by the NH State Library.

Volunteers

- 31 people volunteered 189 hours
- Many additional hours were contributed by members of the Friends and other volunteers for the Candlelight Stroll and other events.

Treasurer

- Our Investment portfolio was down slightly last month.
- It shows an increase of approximately \$6500 for the year.

Old Business

Friends

- The Friends are creating an annual calendar of their events and commitments.
- Many donations came in during the Candlelight Stroll and Gingerbread House decorating.

HVAC System

- The new propane system isn't working properly and we've ordered a necessary replacement part. The geothermal system is working as a backup.

Candlelight Stroll

- Parks and Rec will be taking the leadership for this event next year.

Staff Holiday Gifts

- The Trustees and Friends gave the staff gift cards for Hannaford.

New Business

A. Policies- Collection Development, Reconsideration of Material, Emergencies

- After discussion, Mike made a motion to accept these 3 policies as amended. Diane seconded, all voted in favor.

B. Town Report

- Katherine shared the draft of the GPL Annual Report for the Town.

C. Personnel

- Jolene Wernig will be back on the schedule helping to fill gaps during Arielle's maternity leave and Patty's previously planned winter time off. Katherine, Jill, and Rachael will be covering many of the specific responsibilities.

Peter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded, all voted in favor.
Chair Alexis adjourned the meeting at 9:44.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 11th at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tinkham
Secretary
GPL Board of Trustees