

Rockingham Free Public Library

Board of Trustees Draft Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2026

LOCATION: Rockingham Free Library Meeting Room (lower floor) and Teams (link below)

Present: Carol Blackwood, Ginger Driscoll, Margo Ghia, Ginny Massucco, Bonnie North, Martha Rowley, Ian Graham (ex officio)

Absent: Mike Sola

Visitor: Edward Jones representative Bill Stevens

Minutes

1. Call to Order
 - a. Margo Ghia at 6:30 pm
2. Additions to Agenda for routine administrative matters and/or pressing matters that will require ratification at a future meeting
 - a. This item moved to **#10 “Other business”** in order to accommodate our visitor
3. Public Comment (3 minutes per person)
 - a. Bill Stevens in attendance to discuss our investments
4. Approval of minutes from September 18, 2025 meeting
 - a. This item moved to **#10 “Other business”** in order to accommodate our visitor
5. Discussion with Bill Stevens regarding investments
 - a. Stevens discussed our two investments
 1. Annuity which recently matured - \$160,000 value
 2. CD which will mature on April, 2026 - \$90,000 value
 - b. Stevens advised that the board needs to develop a plan and goals as we decide how to proceed.
 - c. North made motion to place \$160,000 into 3-month CD, which will mature concurrently with the \$90,000 CD (April, 2026). Driscoll seconded, motion passed unanimously.

d. Graham will call a meeting of Finance Committee to be held before our next regular monthly meeting.

6. Mid-year budget update

a. Graham reports that the overall budget is on track, with no worries.

7. Rockingham Gathers

a Graham announced that this AARP grant funded program is very popular and fun, with diverse programming that helps community members stay engaged.

8. Smithsonian Institute/Vermont Humanities Exhibition

a. Graham informed board that the exhibition will be installed here on June 9, 2026 and will be at the library for approximately 6 weeks.

9. March Trustee Election

a. Petitions for election must be returned to the town clerk's office no later than Monday, January 26, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

10. Other Business

a. (#2 above) **Additions to Agenda** for routine administrative matters and/or pressing matters that will require ratification at a future meeting

1. Blackwood and Driscoll confirmed their upcoming participation in union contract negotiations.
2. Ghia will call a meeting of Personnel Committee to discuss contract items.

b. (#2 above) **Approval of minutes** from November 20, 2025 meeting

1. Driscoll moved to approve minutes, Rowley second, motion passed unanimously.

11. Review Action Items, Propose Agenda Items for Next Meeting

a. Re-organizational meeting for board will be Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 pm.

b. Next regular Trustee Board meeting will be Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 pm.

12. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn at 7:47 made by North, and seconded by Driscoll