

AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Friday, February 20, 2026
UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Marc Donnenfeld (President), Calandra Sheen (Vice-President), David Nugent, Dan Mongan, Marie Zazzi and Arielle Hessler (Director). The meeting took place in the Library's Community Room. Barbara Hill (Secretary) attended by phone with no voting privilege. Natalie Abatamarco (Treasurer) was absent. Marc called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

- I. The Board unanimously approved the Agenda for the meeting.
- II. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 16, 2026 Regular Meeting.
- III. In Natalie's absence, Arielle presented the financial report. The Board unanimously approved a motion to invest up to \$1.65 million in treasury bills to mature in June 2026.
- IV. In his President's report, Marc commended the trustees for their hard work on the committees.
- V. Arielle presented the highlights of the Director's Report.
- VI. There was no Secretary's report.
- VII. There were no Trustee Reports.
- VIII. The Building & Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee met and made recommendations, see below.
- IX. Old Business:
 - A. The Buildings & Grounds Committee recommended proceeding with the H2M Design Services proposal. The Board unanimously approved a Motion to proceed with the H2M Design Services contract for work on the Library HVAC system.
- X. New Business:
 - A. The Board unanimously approved a Motion to accept the 2026 Trustee Election Ballot materials. There are 5 candidates for 2 open 3-year terms.
 - B. The Board unanimously approved the following Motion:

Whereas, the adoption of the 2027 budget for the Amagansett Free Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law 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 qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Amagansett Free Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2027 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on February 20, 2026.
 - C. The Board discussed the draft 2027 budget recommended by the Finance Committee. The Board voted unanimously to approve the 2027 Library Budget, as amended, of \$1,784,425, including a \$1,669,675 tax levy.
 - D. The Board discussed the proposed revision to the Amagansett Free Library Bylaws pursuant to Education Law §260-a and Construction Law §41, which revision will be voted upon at the March 2026 Regular Meeting.

E. The Board unanimously approved a Motion for tuition reimbursement for Julianna Vargas.

XI. The Board unanimously voted to approve the payment of Regular Bills.

XII. There were no changes to the Personnel Report.

XIII. There was no correspondence.

XIV. There was no public expression of comments.

XV. The Board voted to enter Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a specific person or corporation at 10:46 am. The Board voted to end the Executive Session at 11:28 am.

XVI. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill, Secretary

Next Meeting Date: Annual Meeting on Friday, March 20, 2026, at 9:00am, with Regular March Board Meeting to follow.