AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY

Approved Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of April 17, 2026

Present: Natalie Abatemarco (Treasurer), Shari Thompson (Secretary), Dan Mongan. David Nugent, Marie Zazzi, Arielle Hessler. The meeting took place in the library's Community Room, and in the absence of President Barbara Hill and Vice President Calandra Sheen, was called to order by Natalie Abatemarco at 9:05 a.m.

I. Approval of Agenda. The agenda for this meeting was approved unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

   A. The minutes of the Annual Meeting on March 20, 2026 were unanimously approved.
   B. The minutes of our board meeting on March 20, 2026 were unanimously approved.
   C. The minutes of our special board meeting on March 5, 2026 were unanimously approved

III. Financial report. Natalie Abatemarco reported that we have received 80% of our anticipated income for this year and should receive the rest by the end of the year, and that our spending is on track for this point in the year.

IV. President's Report. Natalie read Barbara Hill's submitted President's Report, in which Barbara thanked the trustees for all their work on current projects and outlined the Policy Committee's ongoing work (see Committee Reports, VII B).

V. Director's Report. Arielle Hessler gave the highlights of the Director's Report.

VI. Trustee Reports. Natalie noted that next week will be Library Appreciation Week.

VII. Committee Reports.

   A. Governance Committee. The committee members are individually reviewing the bylaws and will soon recommend a draft for updating them.
   B. Policy Committee. The Policy Committee has met and recommended that the board adopt the Policy on Library Governance and Administration (see New Business, XI B).

VIII. Old Business.

   A. Building Projects Progress Report.

      1. Arielle delivered a report on ongoing building projects.
      2. Dan Mongan moved, with Marie Zazzi seconding, that he be the authorized representative of the board in our work with our attorney Whaler Filer PLLC. The motion failed 2-2, with Dan and Marie voting in favor, David Nugent and Natalie opposed, and Shari Thompson abstaining.

IX. New Business.

A. A motion to create a part-time business manager position was unanimously passed.
B. Natalie moved, with Shari seconding, to approve the Policy on Library Governance and Administration. The motion passed, 4-0, with Natalie, Shari, David, and Marie in favor, and Dan opposed.
C. A motion to approve the tuition reimbursement for library employee Daaimah Lyon was postponed to the May board meeting, pending final paperwork.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 15th, in the library's Community Room at 9:00 a.m.

Shari Thompson
Secretary