

AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY
Regular Monthly Meeting
Approved Minutes of June 12, 2026

Present: Barbara Hill (President), Calandra Sheen (Vice President), Natalie Abatemarco (Treasurer), Shari Thompson (Secretary), David Nugent, Marie Zazzi, Arielle Hessler (Director). The meeting took place in the library's Community Room and was called to order by Barbara Hill at 9:07 a.m.

- I. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously.
- II. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of our regular meeting of May 15, 2026 were approved unanimously.
- III. Financial Report. Natalie reported that our library's budget for 2027 was passed, last month, by Amagansett voters, with 95 in favor and 4 opposed.
- IV. President's Report. Barbara reminded the board of our responsibilities, including signing the Conflict of Interest Policy, and satisfying our annual training requirements.
- V. Director's Report. Arielle noted that with the end of the school year in sight, the library has been seeing an increase in school visits, and that the Amagansett School's fourth-grade Longhouse Project is on display in the Children's Department. She updated the board on summer events, staff development and reorganization, minor building improvements, and programs that she will be presenting at the New York Library Conference in the fall.
- VI. Trustee Reports. There were no trustee reports
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Governance Committee: Committee members Barbara and Shari met with Arielle to review the bylaws. The Committee discussed some of the provisions with the board (see item IX A, below) and hopes to have a draft of the revised bylaws to discuss with the board later in the summer.
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Building Projects Progress Report. Arielle will schedule a meeting of the board with H2M. The meeting, on Zoom, will take place during the board's regular meeting next month.
 - B. Discussion: 2026 Open Evening. Arielle reported that the library's Open Evening will take place on Friday, July 17th, from 5:30 to 7:00. Tom Donovan/The Donovan Project has been booked again for the music, and Citarella will cater. A

table will be set up so that attendees who do not have library cards can sign up to get them.

- IX. New Business
 - A. Discussion: The Governance Committee discussed several questions relating to the current bylaws and their revisions.
 - B. A motion to promote Francine Lane as Head of Circulation was passed unanimously.
 - C. A motion to create two part-time clerk positions was passed unanimously.
- X. Approval of the Personnel Report. The Personnel Report was approved unanimously.
- XI. Correspondence: Arielle reported that she received a lovely note from the Amagansett School's fourth-graders, thanking the library for hosting a reception, on June 6th, at which they discussed the Longhouse Project (see item V, above) and enjoyed refreshments.
- XII. Period for Public Expression. No one from the public was present.
- XIII. Executive Session: There was an Executive Session from 10:51 to 11:32 a.m. in which the employment history of a specific individual was discussed.
- XIV. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 11:33 a.m.

The next board meeting will take place on Friday, July 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Thompson
Secretary