BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
September 14, 2026

A regular meeting of the Bedford Public Library Board of Trustees was held on September 14, 2026 in the Richmond Room. In attendance were Lee Joyce (Chair), Lauren Saidel-Baker (Treasurer), Angela Baldi (Trustee), Kevin Brown (Alternate Trustee), Miriam Johnson (Director), and Caitlin Loving (Assistant Director). The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m.
Catherine Rombeau (Alternate Trustee) was present from 4:01 p.m. – 4:51 p.m.

Approval of Minutes—August 18, 2026 Regular meeting of Library Board of Trustees. Caitlin Loving noted that she had mistakenly listed the location as the Richmond Room, but it was in the New Hampshire Room.

> **Motion:** Lauren Saidel-Baker made a motion to approve the August 18, 2026 regular meeting minutes with the location amended; Angela Baldi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report— The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.
Acceptance of Gifts: Miscellaneous donations -- $27.00;

> **Motion:** Lauren Saidel-Baker made a motion to accept all donations; Angela Baldi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report — See attached.
Tarot decks and Staff Summer Reading Prizes – Miriam Johnson requested funds for purchasing five sets of tarot cards for $75.00 for an upcoming workshop and future programs. Miriam Johnson spent $150 total on Staff Summer Reading prizes after speaking with the staff members running the program and had previously requested only $140.

> **Motion:** Lee Joyce made a motion to approve spending $75.00 for tarot decks and reimbursing Miriam Johnson for $150.00 for Staff Summer Reading prizes; Lauren Saidel-Baker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:
Landscaping Project – The landscaping project has been completed. The ramp into the building now has railings and has an accessible grade.
Public Restrooms – There was brief discussion of getting samples for the bathroom flooring after the CIP is finalized for the 2027 vote.

New Business:
2027 Budget Timeline – Town Manager Rick Sawyer presents the budget to the Town Council on October 28th. The Town Council will begin discussing the budget on November 18th and will hand off the budget on December 9th. The first public hearing is January 13th, and the deliberative session is on February 1st.
Strategic Planning – Miriam Johnson spoke with another library who hired a consultant for strategic planning. Miriam Johnson will ask for more information from them regarding the RFP and evaluation of bidders. She also suggested Sarah Andrews as a possible resource.
Trustee Bylaws – Lee Joyce suggested that the Board discuss bylaws with regards to officers and sharing responsibilities.
Policy Review:

- **3D Printing Policy – cost of printing:** the new 3D printer prints faster and costs less than the previous printer, so it is recommended that the cost per gram (after the $5.00 minimum) be lowered to 10 cents per gram.
    - **Motion:** Lee Joyce made a motion to lower the cost of 3D printing to 10 cents per gram; Angela Baldi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Behavior Policy – HB1184 re: no trespass orders:** Miriam Johnson will discuss the recommendations from the NH Municipal Association with the Chief of Police and bring additional information to a future meeting.
- **Request for Reconsideration across policies:** Miriam Johnson laid out the various scenarios for different request for reconsideration with various library policies and will present revised versions at a future meeting.

The next meetings will be held on Monday, October 19, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.; Monday, November 16, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.; and Monday, December 14, 2026 at 3:30; all in the Richmond Room. The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Johnson	Caitlin Loving
Library Director	Assistant Director