



Town of South Kingstown

Library Board of Trustees

Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Peace Dale Library
Meeting Room
1057 Kingstown Road, Peace Dale, RI
www.southkingstownri.gov

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

2. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Session -- April 14, 2026

3. Correspondence

It was reported that Bob, Mike, and Liz have received letters from the Town Council regarding reappointment to the Board.

4. Public Comment

Elizabeth announced that the Kingston Book Sale would be held on May 16, 2026.

5. President's Report

Tim reported that he attended the recent Repair Fair and also the commemorative bell ringing. Further discussion was referred to agenda item #7.

6. Director's Report

Laurel reported the advertisement for Pam Kaczynski's position has been posted. Discussion regarding project updates was deferred to agenda item #8.

7. Programming

A. Recaps

1. Renunciation Bell Ringing
2. Repair Fair
3. Watercolor Workshop

In conjunction with the 250th celebration of the United States, a bell ringing was held in Kingston along with a presentation on the early history of the Kingston Free Library. All former Rhode Island State Houses participated in the bell ringing. A video of both events is on the SKPL Facebook page.

The Repair Fair, organized by Louis Migliazza and Charlotte Canner, Town's Recycling Coordinator, offered free repairs for small items and was well received. Tim reported on his own successful experience having his bicycle fixed. Liz suggested that going forward, there could be a jar for small donations to benefit the library.

A watercolor workshop, initiated by Robin Flynn, had 22 attendees. Laurel will add a Recaps item to all future agendas.

B. Upcoming highlights *all programming can be found on our event calendar.

1. Standing Programs
2. Peckham Farm Storytime - May 13th

3. Interdimensional: Cryptids — May 13th
4. Kingston Friends Book sale — May 16th
5. Map for a RI Revolution — May 20th

Laurel urged all Board members to refer to library calendars for standing programs and special events at all three library branches. She did remind members that programming will be returning to the Peace Dale Library. Also mentioned were the Peckham Farm Story Time (5/13), Interdimensional:Cryptids (5/13), Kingston Friends Book Sale (5/16) and Revolution in Maps (5/20).

8. Project and Grants Updates

A. Community Learning Center

1. Roof Replacement
2. Parking Lot Expansion — Start of work is planned for May 18th. The parking lot will be closed to everyone by late June.
3. Hazard Garden Revitalization
4. Ribbon Cutting

Work continues on the roof with the hope that this work will be completed later in the week. The parking lot expansion, which is part of the grant, will start May 18th. The work is to include widening the driveway, reconstruction of the stone wall to allow “nose-in” parking, and repaving. The repaving work, which will be starting in late June, will necessitate the closing of the parking lot. Revitalization of the Hazard Memorial Garden will also begin; it is hoped that the basics of this work will be completed using the remaining grant funds. Finally, a ribbon cutting ceremony is projected to take place in the last week of August.

B. RI Foundation Mary LeMoine Potter Fund

1. Approved for \$2,000

The RI Foundation Mary LeMoine Potter Fund approved a \$2000 grant to the library.

9. Statistics

Laurel reported that the current statistics indicate an increase in usage at the Peace Dale Library since its reopening.

10. Next Meeting:

June 9, 2026

The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2026 at the Peace Dale Library.

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn.