

Library Board of Trustees  
Edgartown Public Library  
26 West Tisbury Road, Edgartown, MA  
**MINUTES**

Meeting of Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025

In the Foster Room

Denise Searle called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

**Trustees in attendance:** David Faber, Nis Kildegaard, Julie Lively, Denise Searle.

**Absences:** Olga Church, Maggie Morrison.

**Guests:** Lisa Sherman, Library Director.

**Review of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To accept the January minutes as presented.

**MOVED,** David Faber. **Seconded,** Julie Lively. **ACTION:** Unanimous.

**Friends Report:** Lisa Sherman

- Lisa said the annual celebration honoring the late Herbert Foster was a great success, with about 70 people in attendance. More than \$2,500 has been raised in connection with the event, funds which will support professional development of the library staff. Looking ahead, she said that Rockfish Restaurant will hold a Dine to Donate event on Tuesday, March 11 to benefit the Friends organization.

**Director's Report:** Lisa Sherman

- Lisa said she is satisfied that the doorway traffic counter inside the library's south entrance is working correctly – and it shows foot traffic down slightly in January. She shared a chart that shows the huge burst in traffic experienced by the library every weekday afternoon as school children pour into the building. And she noted that other Island library directors with whom she's spoken also report a softening of traffic this off-season.
- Lisa reported on a productive meeting she'd just had with regional experts from Daikin, manufacturer of the library's HVAC system, and with representatives from Nelson Electric, which is helping with repairs to the system. "All these people came together," she said, "and it was great." Together, she said, they've mapped out a plan for addressing known issues and establishing a baseline for troubleshooting and repairing the system. Lisa said she is more hopeful now than she has been in some time that the team is on a good track for solving the library's HVAC issues.

- Lisa said the library's maintenance budget continues to be seriously off-track because of the ongoing HVAC problems. She said she has discussed ways to address this with town hall, and the preferred approach seems to be to ask for a transfer of funds later in the spring. She noted that the library is likely to have a surplus of funds that might be transferred this year from its salary line, because the library spent several months without a collection development person on staff.
- On other repair/maintenance issues, Lisa noted that the elevator has been repaired and is working; that she has received a first bid of \$10,400 (plus electrical costs) for remediating radon levels in the Children's Room and basement; that she is arranging to have contractors look at roof leak issues and gutter repairs for the library building, and that she plans to have the Program Room repainted in weeks ahead.
- Lisa said she had the quickest, smoothest review ever of the library's proposed 2025-2026 budget on Feb. 6 when she met with the Edgartown financial advisory committee. Her proposed budget was accepted without any questions from the committee, she said.
- Lisa said she and Rizwan Malik are making final design choices and preparing the library's order of a Short Story Dispenser.

**Fundraising/Gifts Received:**

**MOTION:** To accept the January gift of \$2,000 for programs from the Friends of the Edgartown Public Library.

**MOVED:** Nis Kildegaard; **Seconded,** Julie Lively. **ACTION:** Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

**Next meeting date:** Thursday, March 13, 2025 – in person at the library, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nis Kildegaard, secretary*