

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

Meeting of Thursday, March 13, 2025

In the Foster Room

Maggie Morrison called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

Trustees in attendance: David Faber, Nis Kildegaard, Julie Lively, Maggie Morrison.

Absences: Olga Church, Denise Searle.

Guests: Lisa Sherman, Library Director; Joan Dunayer of the Friends of the Edgartown Library.

Review of Minutes:

MOTION: To accept the January minutes as presented.

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

Friends Report: Joan Dunayer

- Joan reported that although dollar results weren't yet in, the March 11 Dine to Donate event at Rockfish Restaurant was well attended and seemed to be a great success. Joan said that under Ann Tyra's leadership, the group is making good progress, voting last week to embark on a one-year contract with Little Green Light, a firm which will help with fund-raising.

Director's Report: Lisa Sherman

- Lisa shared the latest traffic count, which was 4,091 for February. New library card holders in February numbered 20.
- Lisa reported on progress toward diagnosing and repairing the upstairs HVAC system. The current plan is to take care of all known issues – from such maintenance work as changing filters and flushing refrigerants to replacing failed compressors – and then to bring in the regional Daikin expert to figure out what more needs to be done. She told the trustees that the goal is to have the upstairs system back to working in time for the summer.
- Lisa said she is working to arrange for radon remediation in the children's room and in the library basement. The program room won't need remediation, she said.
- Lisa and the trustees discussed plans to paint the interior of the program room. At the board's suggestion, she will explore whether the Friends organization might be willing to pay for this work.

- 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 shared an estimator's report on the plans for landscaping work on the library property -- the total estimated cost, she said, is about \$1.6 million. The board asked her to work with the designer to see how that cost might be reduced.

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 4:22 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday, April 10, 2025 – in person at the library, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nis Kildegaard, secretary*