

Joint Meeting
Library Building Committee and Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of the September 16, 2025 Meeting
Hanson Public Library
132 Maquan Street, Hanson, MA 02341

In Attendance: Corinne Cafardo, Teresa Santalucia, Linda Wall, Pam French, Pat Faiella, Melissa Valachovic (arrived 6:43 pm), Tom Hickey, Tony De Frias, Karen Stolfer.

From P3: Mark Champagne

From Oudens Ello: Matthew Oudens, Jennifer Wilson (virtual)

Call to Order Board of Library Trustees

- Corinne called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Call to Order Library Building Committee

- Corinne called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2025

- (Building Committee vote) Linda made a motion to accept the joint meeting minutes of August 26, 2025. Pam seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Melissa was not yet present; Corinne abstained).

Library Building Project Updates from P3 and Oudens Ello:

- Matt Oudens gave a presentation showing different layouts for a renovated/expanded building. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of each. The Committee all agreed that Option 2b was the preferred choice. This option houses the adult section in the existing building and has a new wing extending into the former Maquan School property. The new wing has an entrance off School Street and houses the children's and teen areas toward the front by the street and community meeting space toward the back. There is off-hours and Senior Center access to meeting spaces from the current building's entrance. There is also a large enclosed reading garden between the two wings as well as two other smaller green spaces along two perimeters. Matt said he would concentrate on making adjustments to the preferred design and could likely address many of the Committee's concerns with the design, which included the welcome desk not being adjacent to the staff workroom, the director's office not being visible enough, possible egress issues with the enclosed reading garden, and the local history room being in the current octagonal children's room which has a problem with roof leaks. When asked, Matt agreed to do a 5-minute presentation about the project at Town Meeting. Karen will ask the Moderator for permission to have posters or a digital TV in the lobby.

Library Building Project Marketing:

- Karen, Pam, and Teresa gave an update on the status of the marketing materials from P3. Their response has been very slow. The Committee chose a new logo from the options provided by P3 and reviewed the marketing timeline and strategy that Teresa put together. Karen said that she has started on an updated website. Because the timeline is extremely tight now, Committee members agreed to allow Karen, Pam, and Teresa to make decisions regarding the upcoming marketing materials that will be needed for Hanson Day and Town Meeting.

- Karen also shared that she spoke with Ken Sweezey about the status of the MBTA Communities Act. There is pending legislation and court cases, but it doesn't seem likely that these will be enacted or resolved in time for our project. Our best bet at this point is to educate residents about the impact the issue will have on our grant. Karen will put together an informational flier.

Adjournment of Board of Library Trustees

- Teresa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. Linda seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment of Library Building Committee

- Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. Melissa seconded. Motion passed 7-0.