

Joint Meeting
Library Building Committee and Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of the October 20, 2025 Meeting
Hanson Public Library
132 Maquan Street, Hanson, MA 02341

In Attendance:

Trustees: Corinne Cafardo, Teresa Santalucia, Linda Wall, Pam French, Karen Stolfer (absent: Dianna McDevitt, John Papp).

Building Committee: Corinne Cafardo, Teresa Santalucia, Linda Wall, Pam French, Melissa Valachovic, Pat Faiella, Tom Hickey, Karen Stolfer (absent: Tony DeFrias)

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

Call to Order Board of Library Trustees

- Corinne called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Call to Order Library Building Committee

- Corinne called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Library Building Committee Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2025

- Corinne made a motion to accept the joint meeting minutes of October 14, 2025. Pat seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Board of Library Trustees Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2025

- Corinne made a motion to accept the joint meeting minutes of October 14, 2025. Pam seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Building Layouts from Oudens Ello

- Matt Oudens presented revisions of the hybrid layout which included 3D renderings to give the Committee a better sense of what the layout would look like from a person's perspective. There was much discussion about the location of community space and teen space. Some members didn't like the teen space located in the back end of the adult wing, and there was a preference for having a meeting room by the Senior Center. It was pointed out that the existing Community Room is shared by both departments, and that we may not have a right to modify that space without permission from the Senior Center. Teresa mentioned that we have a Shared Use Agreement with them which would, should construction move forward, designate the Community Room as library space with the Senior Center having the option to use it. Several Committee members stated that they do not like the hybrid version at all and would like to reconsider the Bar option. The Committee could still not come to a consensus about which layout to move forward with. Matt reiterated that he, his team, and the MBLC believe the hybrid plan incorporates the best of the Bar and L layouts and provides the best sightlines of all the options, which the MBLC was concerned about. Matt will rework the hybrid layout based on the evening's discussions and, if time permits, try to rework the Bar option. The hope is to meet next Tuesday to select a plan, but Matt will let us know if he needs more time.

Adjournment of Board of Library Trustees

- Corinne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Linda seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment of Library Building Committee

- Corinne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Pat seconded. Motion passed 7-0.