

Joint Meeting of Board of Library Trustees and Library Building Committee  
Minutes of the April 16, 2026 Meeting  
Hanson Public Library  
132 Maquan Street, Hanson, MA 02341

**This was a virtual meeting.**

In Attendance: Corinne Cafardo, Pam French, Linda Wall, Teresa Santalucia, Pat Faiella (arrived 7:16pm), Melissa Valachovic, Tom Hickey, Tony DeFrias, Karen Duclos (arrived 7:17pm), and Karen Stolfer

**Call to Order**

- Board of Library Trustees – Corinne called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.
- Library Building Committee – Corinne called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

**Approval of Minutes from March 31, 2026**

- Board of Library Trustees – Corinne made a motion to accept the minutes from March 31, 2026. Linda seconded. Role call. Motion passed 4-0 (all in favor).
- Library Building Committee – Corinne made a motion to accept the minutes from March 31, 2026. Linda seconded. Role call. Motion passed 6-0 (all in favor; Pat not yet present).

**Project Updates**

- An update was provided on meetings with local groups. Karen S. went to a PTO meeting, but there were only about 6 people present. Corinne and Pat met with the Hanson Democrats and Republicans. Both meetings went very well. Corinne and Pam will attend some Meet & Greet events with prospective legislators. Karen S. and Pat will be at the Senior Center next Thursday.
- Karen S. asked about the Historical Society. Corinne had reached out to them but there was no response. Both Corinne and Teresa will reach out again.
- Teresa is working on scheduling a date for Meetinghouse Lane and can talk with members of the Housing Authority.
- Melissa has been continuing to post content from Meaghan on social media on Tuesdays and Fridays. There was discussion about responding to Facebook comments. Karen S. has been posting some responses to factual questions. Melissa will be on vacation next week but will try to carve out some time for posting.
- Karen S. said the PSA filmed with Whitman-Hanson Community Access has been posted. The interview she and OPM Dan Pallotta did with Bob Hayes from WHCA's Bring It On series went very well and will also be posted once the link is available.
- Corinne provided an update on the lawn signs, which were funded by the HPL Foundation. As a Foundation member, she has distributed 18 signs so far, and is still looking to cover Main Street. Pat also took a sign.
- Linda gave an update on the postcards, which were funded by the HPL Foundation. A total of 400 postcards were printed, and Linda has 305 names/addresses already. She will have these mailed on Monday using the Foundation's mailing permit. Others will be distributed by hand, including at Stonebridge.

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- Karen Duclos agreed to bring brochures and postcards to the Food Pantry.
- Teresa is finalizing a draft of the narrative for Town Meeting, and Tom will assist. Teresa will also have sound bites ready for questions that may come up at Town Meeting.
- Karen S. asked for suggestions on a handout for Town Meeting. A document with two double-sided pages was suggested which would include the rendering and layout images as well as one page about the project article and one page about the land article.
- Corinne shared that the Finance Committee is not recommending that the Town set aside any of the Maquan land for any projects, including Library and Fire.
- Karen S. said she received a question about the fate of the field next to the Library and believes this could be a question raised at Town Meeting. Melissa said she believes there is little to no use of this field at the moment so it shouldn't be a big concern. Pat pointed out that it's not really a well-developed field anyway.
- Melissa said our reservation for a TouchView screen in the lobby at Town Meeting is all set. Karen S. will work with Teresa on deciding what presentation to show on it.
- Pat asked about the cost of renovations if the project doesn't proceed. Karen S. had spoken with Marika from Oudens Ello about this, and Marika had provided a rough number of at least \$8M to complete all the repairs/upgrades listed in the Facility Conditions Assessment. Teresa suggested that Karen S. ask Meaghan at P3 to create a social media post on this topic.
- Pat summarized his meeting with members of the Hanson Rod & Gun Club. He left brochures and was able to speak with a few people.
- There was discussion about how to give residents a better big-picture sense of the financial impact of the various matters on the ballot (i.e. Library, Highway, South Shore Tech, Police/Fire override).
- The warrant has been posted and the Library articles come after articles for Highway and Fire. Pat asked if we should consider switching the order of our articles, but the consensus was to keep the project article before the land article.
- The next Library Building Committee meeting will be on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm. A meeting will also be posted for an hour before Town Meeting, at 5:30pm on May 4<sup>th</sup>, in case there are any project-related discussions between Trustees and/or LBC members.

### **Adjournment**

- Board of Library Trustees - Corinne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM. Pam seconded. Roll call. Motion passed 4-0 (all in favor).
- Library Building Committee – Corinne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM. Pat seconded. Roll call. Motion passed 7-0 (all in favor).