



**Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting**

January 21, 2026

Present: Barbara Steckel, Sandra Birnbaum, Luke Powell, Amy Kelley, Erica Van Patten Luzio, Joyce Reed

Others Present: Jennifer Brown, Grace Luttrull

**Opening of Meeting:**

- Acting President Steckel called the meeting to order.
- The meeting opened at 6:35 pm.

**Approval of November 2025 Minutes:**

- The motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Trustee Kelley and seconded by Trustee Kelley.
  - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present, with two abstentions.

**President's Report:**

- Presented by Acting President Steckel.
- Introduced a new member and a guest.
- Holiday Party review - success!
- The Village Board voted to approve the contract for Geothermal improvements to the library.
- PD for Trustees (two hours to be included in Jennifer's annual report).

**Director's Report:**

- Presented by Director Brown.

**Committee Reports:**

- Friends Liaison
- Development – Teen Room:
  - New Chairs
  - Teen Room
  - Reading Room
  - New Welcome Sign
- Planning (Strategic Plan)
- Personnel
- Reassignment to committees

**Board Treasurers' Report:**

- Presented by the previous Treasurer and current President, Trustee Steckel.
- A motion to accept the November Treasurer's report was made by Trustee Steckel and seconded by Trustee Kelley.
  - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.

- A motion to accept the December Treasurer's report was made by Trustee Steckel and seconded by Trustee Reed.
  - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.

#### **Library Financial Report:**

- A motion to accept the Library Financial Report was made by Trustee Birnbaum and seconded by Trustee Kelley.
  - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.

#### **New Business:**

- Constant Contact merges with the Town. – tabled.
- Bond debt termination of \$100,000 will take place in 2027.
- The upstairs piano needs tuning; the Library will commit to tuning it.

#### **Old Business:**

- The insurance policy is paid for by the town going forward.
- Discussion on shifting bank account to a trust.

#### **Voting Items:**

- A motion to appoint the following 2026 Slate of Officers was made by Trustee Powell and seconded by Trustee Van Patten.
  - President: Dr. Barbara Steckel
  - Vice President: Sandra Birnbaum
  - Treasurer: Joyce Reed
  - Secretary: Luke Powell
  - The Motion was unanimously approved by all members present.
- A motion to change the next meeting date from Wednesday, February 18th to Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm was made by Trustee Steckel and seconded by Trustee Kelley.
  - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.
- A motion was made for the board to support 10 extra hours of security in the next town budget was made by Trustee Steckel and seconded by Trustee Van Patten.
  - The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.

#### **Public Comment:**

- President Steckel opened the public comment section.
- No comments were submitted.

#### **Adjournment:**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Birnbaum and seconded by Trustee Van Patten.
- The motion was unanimously approved by members present.
- The meeting concluded at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Powell  
 Secretary, Trustee  
 Mount Kisco Public Library Board of Trustees