



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