

**The Scotland Public Library**

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# Library Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 4/8/2025

The meeting was called to order by secretary, Brenda Gagnon at 7:02pm. In attendance: Brenda Gagnon, Mary Geragotelis, Linda Segar, Leahbeth Scandura and Bobbie Maschka.

**Audience For Citizens**: Susan Powers. Susan reported on activities as our town Poet Laureate. She has resumed the monthly adult writers group at the library. She has done workshops at PHHS and shared some poems with us. She organized a poetry reading at a local book store. She reported on a writers colony workshop she attended where she worked on a book she is going to publish. A poetry/ cookbook with contributions from local poets is her latest project.

**Minutes Of Previous Meeting**: Minutes from the March meeting were read. Bobbie Maschka made a motion to accept, Leahbeth Scandura seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Financial report given by Mary Geragotelis for March. Trust account is up slightly. A bond that matured was reinvested. Bobbie Maschka made a motion to accept and Linda Segar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Library Director’s Report:** Mary Geragotelis gave the director’s report including attendance and circulation statistics for March. Our library management software company was acquired by Soutron Global. No changes for us. Mary will not continue to be involved with the School Readiness program. Changes are being made as it restructures into Early Start CT. Some grant money may be lost as the government is dismantling the institute of Museum and library services (IMLS). Bobbie Maschka made a motion to accept. Leahbeth Scandura seconded. Motion carried.

. **Unfinished Business:**

* Library outdoor lighting: The building maintainer should fix the problem before leaving his position in April or the First Selectman will address it.
* Children’s section mural: The artwork is in place. Everyone is happy with the results. Thank you Mary and Kim.

• Eagle Scout Project (Trail/Bridge maintenance and repairs) :The project remains on hold but plans are to continue once weather allows.

* Computer upgrades: The library will be getting a quote from Advanced Office Systems.

**New Business:**

● Library building birthday celebration: planning continues for the celebration on June 7th drop in event 9am-12pm. Ideas include “Adopt-a-book”, scavenger hunt, crafts, refreshments, and possibly a poem reading.

●Library budget 2025/2026: Mary Geragotelis has submitted the proposed Library budget and it has been reviewed by the town Treasurer.

● Four library board seats are up for election November 2025. Discussed getting endorsements to be on the ballot.

● May meeting agenda developed.

**Adjournment**: Meeting adjourned by Brenda Gagnon at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Gagnon