

Belfast Library  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 17, 2026

1. Call to Order and attendance: Bob Mackmer, Patty Preston (phone), Beth Hazelton, Marc Smithers (phone), Anne West.
2. Any deletions or additions:
3. Treasure Account Update: \$6937.
  - a. Donation from Kinney Foundation, \$3,000.
  - b. 7 months into this fiscal year, have spent \$44,000 of the budget, under half.
  - c. Have \$330,000+ for capital project.
  - d. Spent appx \$15,000 on capital project expenses this year.
  - e. The next phase of state aid for construction should arrive soon.
  - f. Looking into verifying building etc. insurance coverage.
4. Approve Last Month's Minutes: All approved
5. Treasure account
  - a. Next year's budget: Annie moves to approve, Bob seconds, all in favor.
  - b. Voting on the budget: Beth moves that library budget voting is continued through Belfast Central School. All in favor.
6. Director's Report
7. Town board meeting. The next meeting is Feb 23, and Mar 16 @7pm.
8. Business
  - a. Friends of Library Update: Trivia night went well, made \$500. Need to recruit more help, especially for events. Next meeting March 4. Will need to work on an update of donations to the capital project from 2025 (need to access information from the bank account) as well as add access to the Friends account to Bob Mackmer and the library accounting firm.
  - b. Capital Project, Grants, Building
    - i. Congressionally Directed Funding Grants due in March. Should try to discuss with each office.

- ii. Delta submitted a bid for the cost estimation. Annie moves, Bob seconds, to approve a septic design and total fees and expenses of 6280, and schematic expense plus **\$8,046** Full estimate of probable costs for project broken down to include mobilization, demolition, building construction, mechanical/elec. systems and site improvements, including septic system. A contingency will also be included based on expected time of construction. All in favor.
  - iii. The architect has reached out to SHPO for approval for the next phase of state construction aid.
- c. Taste of Belfast/ Concert Series.
  - i. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th: John Wise Band and Taste of Belfast
    - 1. Will invite the same bands as last year.
- d. Director Review:
- e. Bills: Reviewed and paid
- f. Next regular meeting is March 17 @6:30pm