

**Abington Public Library  
Board of Library Trustees**

Meeting Minutes                      April 7, 2025                      Called to Order 6:31 pm

**Attendees:**

Henry DiCarlo, Chair  
Gail Bergin, Vice Chair  
Barbara McLaughlin  
Laura Brink  
Sue Crowley  
Gerry Haas  
Jake O'Neill  
Deborah Grimmatt, Library Director  
One Vacant Position

**Absent:**

Mary Gillis

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

- Minutes of the meeting held on March 10, 2025 were reviewed by the Board.  
**MOTION to approve the March 10, 2025 minutes was made by Barbara, seconded by Laura and accepted unanimously.**

**Chairman's Report**

- Wonderful program was held at the library on April 6<sup>th</sup> related to the Abington Reads book, The Berry Pickers. There were approximately 67 people in attendance. The author, Amanda Peters, was impressed by the Abington Library and the program.

### **Library Director's Report**

- Monthly Financial Report: Financial Report was not printed at the time of the meeting.
- Statistical Report: The numbers were down a bit, but the weather for the month was not great which kept patrons away.

### **Old Business**

- Capital Plan to be presented at Town Meeting tonight includes fee for engineer to evaluate the library's HVAC System.

### **New Business**

- Massachusetts Library Association (MLA) Conference: Deb has not attended in several years. This year's conference has a more robust offering of talks on both days of the conference and the head librarian and reference librarian would like to attend. **MOTION to use State Aid cover the cost for two staff members to attend the MLA Conference on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Falmouth was made by Jake, seconded by Gerry, and accepted unanimously.**
- Due to the current concerns related to library funding, libraries across the country are collecting stories from patrons as to the benefits of library services. Abington Public Library will put a link to the survey on the library website to collect information and stories for this effort.

**Next Meetings: May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Town Election: April 26, 2025**

**MOTION was made by Gerry at 6:47 to recess to the town meeting and seconded by Laura and accepted unanimously. The Library Trustee meeting will adjourn when Town Meeting adjourns.**