

TPL Board Minutes for July 14th, 2025, 5:00pm Board Meeting

Officers	Board and Others	Board and Others
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Bosworth-Pres	<input type="checkbox"/> Marie Finnegan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caroline
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Hamlin-Sec	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia (Trish) Smith	Ward-Nesbit-Dir
<input type="checkbox"/> Carrie Brezzo-Excused	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harold Willey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Hubbard
<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Barstow	<input type="checkbox"/> Kathy Derene	
Time IN: 5:00pm	Time OUT: 6:20pm	Results / Action
Discussion – Both in person and Zoom meeting		Follow Up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Agenda: • Approve May 5th, 2025, Minutes • Treasure Report: Year End Questions • Pat Hubbard: Sync up Town Inv Policy with TPL Ordinance <p>Both TPL and Thomaston Board need to meet to correct these oversights. However, TPL Board is down 2-3 members depending on expectations. As such half the board wanted to wait until Sept after the Board recruitment campaign. The other half want to do both tasks in tandem. Greg and Caroline will attempt to find out the urgency, if any.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Librarian’s Report July 14th,2025 <p>General Updates & Recent Programs Library Reorganization Project. Ongoing, no major updates.</p> <p>Recent Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * June 5: Disney Trivia Night with Knox Clinic * June 6: Meet the Select Board Candidates * July 10: Author Talk with Shannon DalPozzal @ Cushing – local author & podcaster, wrote memoir about her life after a brain tumor diagnosis * July 13 – Poet Reading – some 20 people, and one cat, attended. <p>Upcoming Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * July 31, 6:30 PM: TESS GERRITSEN! (collab with Cushing, to be held at Cushing Community School) * August 3, 2:00 PM: Shannon Bowring, author of The Road to Dalton and Where the Forest Meets the River (collab with Cushing) * August 17, 2 PM: Don Reimer back to give “A Preview of What’s Coming” * August 23: Maine Authors Book Festival! * NEW September 28, 2PM: Nick Knobil, presentation about the WAFS (Women’s Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron) during WWII – Nick’s aunt was a member (and was portrayed by Loretta Young in the film “Ladies Courageous”) * October – specific date TBD: Collab with OUT Maine – Panel Presentation/Q&A on Gender-Affirming Healthcare * NEW October – specific date & location TBD: Showing of “Mary and Molly” - a short film based on the 2016 play of the same title written by noted Penobscot Nation Tribal Elder, activist and author, Donna Loring, and a panel presentation/Q&A with Donna and other guests TBA. 		<p>None</p> <p>Motion by Pat and Harold to approve – Unanimous</p> <p>Greg will call Chris R and Caroline will call Pat Hubbard to determine urgency of the two groups meeting.</p>

- * November – specific date TBD: @ Cushing, historian Dr. Carter Jones Myer on the history of Wabanaki basketry
- * November 12, 2 PM: Patricia Hubbard returning with a second presentation on Ruth Robertson

Programs in development:

- * Paint Night, * Teen advisory board, * Prose writing group , * Board Game Night, * Movie Nights for grown-ups, with themed food
- * Continued partnership with Cushing & other area libraries for author talks & more, * Beginning working with a few parents of TGS kids on programs – a first grade book club, and a parents’ social/support group

40 Days of Summer:

Off to a great start! Thankfully, the Summer Food Service Program seems to be pushing through without too much difficulty, at least on our end (knock on wood). The weekend meal kits from AIO have been a welcome addition. The kids participated in the 4th of July festivities with great enthusiasm and decorated some truly fantastic banners for the parade. All is going well!

Finances:

As you all know, the town’s budget (and therefore our municipal appropriation) was approved at the town meeting in June, thankfully – many thanks to all of you for advocating and voting. The new fiscal year has begun!

Overview of Expenditures for Fiscal Year to Date:

As always, happy to go over more specifics if anyone would like.

Fundraising: 4th of July was a great success! The Friends brought in \$2,081.15 between cash/Venmo/Paypal from cotton candy sales, dunk tank tickets, and general donations. We also learned a lot that will make next year go more smoothly.

Next up is the Annual Appeal, which we are planning to launch soon on our new time frame, the raffle baskets for the Maine Book Festival, and then our Thomaston Public Library Gala: Totally 80s Edition! 9/30 in the Watts Hall.

Budget Category	Expenditures to Date	Budget Allocation	Net Budget	% of Budget Utilized
Operating Fund	\$6,965.99	\$225,392.00	\$218,426.01	3.1%
--Administration	\$3,721.30	\$171,150.00	\$167,428.70	2.2%
--Building	\$525.00	\$11,130.00	\$525.00	4.7%
--General Office	\$605.41	\$6,740.00	\$605.41	9.0%
--Employee Benefits	\$1,354.80	\$30,292.00	\$28,892.97	4.5%
--Programs	\$715.25	\$6,000.00	\$5,284.75	11.9%
Book Fund	\$284.35	\$19,669.00	\$19,384.65	1.4%
--Collection Materials	\$274.45	\$12,119.00	\$11,844.55	2.3%
--Fees & Supplies	\$9.90	\$7,350.00	\$7,340.10	0.1%
--Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	0.0%

Other updates:

Comments, Questions, Concerns, Problems, or Praise:

- Adjournment 6:20 pm - **The Next Lib Meeting Sept 8th 5pm**

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Hamlin, Secretary