

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
NORTH SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
February 25, 2026**

**Members Present**

Virginia Ryan  
William Schiavo  
Chester Hertling  
Terry Cipriani  
Charlotte Karpf-Fritts

**Members Absent**

**Also Present**

Laura Hawrey  
Lee Frei

William Schiavo called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Motion to approve the date change of the May Board meeting to May 19, 2026 was made by Charlotte Karpf-Fritts; seconded by Chester Hertling; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of 12/16/25 was made by Chester Hertling; seconded by Virginia Ryan; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the warrant dated 1/27/26 in the amount of \$86,184.19 was made by Virginia Ryan; seconded by Terry Cipriani; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the warrant dated 2/24/26 in the amount of \$219,554.56 was made by Terry Cipriani; seconded by Charlotte Karpf-Fritts; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the for approval only (FAO) warrant dated 12/18/25 in the amount of \$6,577.01 was made by Charlotte Karpf-Fritts; seconded by Chester Hertling; motion carried unanimously.

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Motion to approve the for approval only (FAO) warrant dated 12/31/25 in the amount of \$48,657.18 was made by Chester Hertling; seconded by Virginia Ryan; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the for approval only (FAO) warrant dated 1/15/26 in the amount of \$8,487.66 was made by Virginia Ryan; seconded by Terry Cipriani; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the for approval only (FAO) warrant dated 1/29/26 in the amount of \$50,375.99 was made by Terry Cipriani; seconded by Charlotte Karpf-Fritts; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the warrant dated 12/18/25 in the amount of \$72,031.16, the warrant dated 12/31/25 in the amount of \$70,873.86, the warrant dated 1/15/26 in the amount of \$69,393.04 and the warrant dated 1/29/26 in the amount of \$69,121.58 was made by Charlotte Karpf-Fritts; seconded by Chester Hertling; motion carried unanimously.

To date, the Library has received \$1,859,824.16 in Brookhaven taxes, \$320,727.46 in Riverhead taxes, and \$8,368.08 in Brookhaven IDA PILOTS.

Motion to approve the CS 150 dated 1/21/26 was made by Chester Hertling; seconded by Virginia Ryan; motion carried unanimously.

Tax Cap Resolution:

Whereas, the adoption of this 2026-2027 for the North Shore Public Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

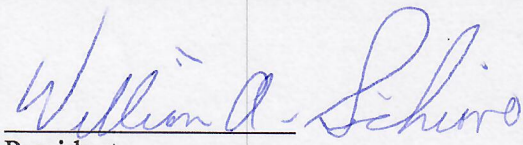
Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the North Shore Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2026-2027 fiscal year by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on February 25, 2026.

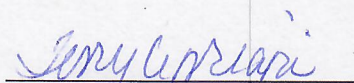
Motion to approve the tax cap override resolution as stated above was made by Virginia Ryan; seconded by Terry Cipriani; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Library's proposed 2026-2027 budget as stated was made by Terry Cipriani; seconded by Charlotte Karpf-Fritts; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Charlotte Karpf-Fritts; seconded by Chester Hertling; motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was duly adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Vice-President