Library Board of Trustees
Somers Public Library – October 20, 2026
Board Meeting

Members Present:	Gene Grayson, John Kelleher, Ann Levesque, Jack Kertenis, Marybeth Marquardt, Mike Gruber, Bob Socha, Jason Snukis, Lori Bourgoin
Also Present:	Joanne Nichting, Library Director
Absent:	None

Mr. Grayson opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Audience to Citizens/Guests
None.

Approval of Minutes
Mr. Socha made a motion to approve the special and regular meeting minutes. Mr. Socha and Mr. Gruber both abstained from voting for the special meeting minutes, as they were not in attendance. Motion seconded by Mr. Kertenis. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Correspondence
None.

Financial Business
Quarterly report from Asset Management Associates came in per Mr. Grayson. Ms. Marquardt will invite John Ruocco, financial advisor, to a future meeting with the board to discuss the report and future renovation/pavilion costs forthcoming.

Committees
Ms. Nichting advised that she heard that the book sale held this month did better this year than last. The vendor baker donated 10% of her sales to the Friends of the Library.

Old Business
Library Exterior Project - Mr. Socha recommends increasing the size of the planned pavilion to a larger size in order to better accommodate the needs of the library and the open space. The board members viewed the space and agreed to the larger space for the pavilion. Mr. Socha also recommended that we not include steps at the left front of the building as approved at the last meeting based on shoveling, lighting, and usage concerns. By a show of hands, it was unanimously decided to eliminate the steps. Mr. Socha will advise Todd Rolland of the DPW of the change. Mr. Rolland will convey this information to the architect.

Door Alarm - As a result of eliminating the steps, the Board decided that it preferred no regular use of the emergency door in the Blake Room. Mr. Socha made a motion to purchase an alarm for the door to avoid traffic in the area where the stairs were planned. A maximum budget of $400.00 was set. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kertenis. All were in favor. Motion was approved.

Blake Room – The CIP met last month, where Mr. Rolland from the DPW presented the floor and painting plan. Both were approved and will be scheduled.

Blake Donation - The board discussed how to announce the donation to the public. Ms. Nichting will draft a press release for consideration of the Board to be presented at the next meeting.

New Business
Parking Lot Sign - Ms. Nichting advised of difficulty with some children riding bikes in the parking lot and not listening to instructions when behavior is not conducive to the library. The board brainstormed ideas and did not move forward with the suggested purchase of a sign advising of rules and consequences.

Director's Report
Ms. Nichting reviewed the report for September 2026. Namely, the funding for the Women of the American Revolution event, the Teen Center concerns, and use of the donation from Mr. Frank Siver.

Mr. Grayson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Bourgoin.

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