

Groton Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 23, 2026, at 6:30 pm

First Floor Community Room, Groton Public Library

Approved, 9/15/2026

Attending in Person: Trustees Mark Gerath, Heidi Reichert-Robes, Kristen von Campe, and David Zeiler; Library Director Vanessa Abraham.

Attending Remotely: Trustee Jennifer Petersen.

Absent: Trustee Helena Altsman.

Also Attending: GPL Endowment Board Chair Mike Woods.

Call to Order:

Vice-Chair Heidi Reichert-Robes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Vote Summary

- Motion to Adjourn at 6:56 pm. Moved by Heidi, seconded by Kristen. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Action Items

- Vanessa Abraham to schedule a meeting with Town Manager Mark Haddad, Mark Gerath, and Heidi Reichert-Robes to review the Endowment's proposed funding and administrative structure.

Endowment/Library Relationship

GPL Endowment Board Chair Mike Woods and Endowment Trustee Heidi Reichert-Robes presented updates and legal counsel recommendations regarding the administration of Endowment funds supporting library activities.

Under the proposed framework, the Endowment would transition away from direct contractor payments. Support for library-related programs and services would instead be structured as an annual grant to the Town of Groton, with terms and oversight parameters developed in coordination with municipal administration. Administrative and operational support dedicated solely to the Endowment entity would be managed directly by the Trust through a third-party service provider.

The next step is to meet with Town Manager Mark Haddad to present the proposed model and discuss possible municipal support. Trustees Mark Gerath and Heidi Reichert-Robes and Director Vanessa Abraham will attend.

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Other Business

None.

Adjournment

Heidi moved, Kristen seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously (5-0).
The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen von Campe, Co-Secretary