

Baxter Memorial Library Trustee Meeting

March 23, 2026, 6pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Finnie Trimpi, Shana Hickman, Marissa Rebekah Bakos-Kallgren, Marissa Lindman, Dee Gish, Maureen Bissaillon

- 1. Approve Minutes from Feb 2026** - minutes reviewed and approved.
- 2. Review and Sign Warrants** - reviewed and signed by all.
- 3. Review Financials** - Deb Jones will be coming to the next meeting to give us a lesson on the budget and its keeping and Emma will be joining her. - Financials were reviewed and approved. Grants from the Vermont Arts Council for Creative Aging grants are available and will be researched.

Plant Book and Bake sale, Chili fundraiser, and a bake sale at the White River Co-op are upcoming.

4. Librarian's Report and Updates

[Librarian's Report](#)

5. Public Comment - None

6. New Business:

Officer elections - Maureen will continue to remain the Secretary, Finnie will continue as the Volunteer Coordinator, Marisa will continue as Treasurer, Rebekah will take the Chair position. All approved.

Approve substitute librarian pay - A motion to pay Elizabeth Lincoln for her substitute work she completed in December of 2025. Motion Approved unanimously.

Pine tree removal - Tree donated by Marion. Needs to be relocated as it is located next to the dry well and needs to be moved to prevent root issues. Concern that the tree won't survive any move. Rebekah will consult an arborist as to the best option.

Chili fundraiser - May 2nd is a possible date which is also Green Up Day. Marian and

Mary are willing to do a Chili fundraiser. Chili will be prepared and packaged ahead of time and ready for pick up. In the past we would provide containers for Chili and bags for packing corn bread for volunteers to make and drop off the full containers. We would then sell the Chili with cornbread. Orders done ahead of time. Chili made to order, beef, chicken, or veggie. Another option would be a community dinner at the church, offering eat-in or grab and go.

Plant, book, bake planning - Boxes needed for pastries, small boxes and pie boxes, papers for grabbing, bags for cookies. Location tbd. We reached out to 7 Stars to see if we could use their space in addition to the library yard. Will reach out again. Finnie will organize the info: nurseries to get donations from, bakers to donate, bakeries to donate, volunteers,

7. Old Business:

TSA Middle School visit - Maureen will follow up with Andrew Lane.

8. Other - Possible Programming was discussed. Harry Falconer and Ryan Haac suggested using the VT Arts Council Cultural Facilities Grant. It is a matching 1:1 grant to help, create, or expand the capacity of an existing building to provide cultural activities for the public. We would need 2 estimates to apply. Improvements could include ductwork, lighting, shelving, organization

Posting on the Sharon Facebook page to get volunteers offering ideas and suggestions.

An idea for offering some winter time activity series was discussed.

A Ladder will be purchased for the library. We will utilize the picture rail at the top of the walls to showcase local artists with a 6 ish week schedule.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50

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The Trustees of Baxter Memorial generally meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00

PM. The next meeting will be held at the library on Monday, April 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Trustees meetings are open, and the public is welcome to attend, either in person or over Zoom. To participate via Zoom, click on the link below. Please email sharonbaxterlibrary@gmail.com with any questions.

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