LYME LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2026

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PRESENT: Laura Mooney, Chair, Joan Motyka, Vice Chair, Michael James, Secretary, Susan Leon, Mike Prill, Chad Schaedler

EX OFFICIO: Melissa Fournier, Library Director

GUEST: Chair Mooney welcomed Christine Carter, Co-Chair, Friends of the Lyme Library. Ms. Carter and co-chair Holly Rubino will alternate attending the Board meetings as the representatives of the Friends. Welcome Christine and Holly!

1. CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Mooney called the meeting to order at 5:00

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Ms. Leon MOTIONED for the minutes from April 2026 to be accepted as written; seconded by Mr. Schaedler. Minutes accepted unanimously.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Fournier reported that attendance for adult programming was up but due to the resignation of the Children's Librarian fewer children's programs were scheduled and attendance was down. The Director discussed that the search for a new Children's Librarian was well underway. The budget for next year was approved by the town which includes $10,000 for a new ADA compliant website and $1,000 for the Library of Things.

4. REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS: Ms. Carter gave an overview of the Friends efforts including the Book Sale and donations and how funds are dispersed. Over the last three years the Friends have increased its membership from 56 to 384.

5. REPORT FROM THE FOUNDATION: NO REPORT. The Foundation will once again hold its annual fund-raising event at the Ivoryton Playhouse on September 3rd. More details to follow.

6. REPORT FROM THE SWEET SPOT: Ms. Motyka discussed the upcoming July 7th Sweet Spot, which is the Board's responsibility, and encouraged everyone to attend. She reported that over the last few months 2 Selectpersons have attended the monthly gathering.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Outreach Committee: Chair Mooney reported that the Opening Doors project will now focus on speakers at each of the meetings focusing on various aspects that address loneliness, e.g., dementia and loneliness, The Memory Café, coaching caregivers, loneliness and grieving, elder abuse.

Facilities Committee: Mr. Prill and Ms. Fournier reported plans to increase the holdings of the Library of Things and discussed creating a "wish list."

Communications Committee: The committee will be Ms. Cain, Ms. King, Mr. Schaedler, Chair Mooney and will be chaired by Ms. Leon.
The Board discussed how the WiFi services at the Library are insufficient and must be corrected so the Library can better serve its patrons.

Strategic Plan: Mr. Schaedler will work with the members of the Communications Committee on planning future changes to the Plan.

8. OLD BUSINESS: No report

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 by acclamation.

REMINDERS:

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS JULY 29TH.