



Town of South Kingstown

Library Board of Trustees

Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Kingston Free Library
Potter Hall (2nd floor)
2605 Kingstown Road, Peace Dale, RI
www.southkingstownri.gov

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting — December 9, 2025

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that the minutes of the Trustees meeting held on December 9, 2025 are accepted, approved, and placed on file.

3. Correspondence

There was no Trustee correspondence.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. President's Report

There was no report from the Trustee President.

6. Director's Report

Laurel Clark, Library Director, reports the RFP will go out soon for parking lot improvements at the Peace Dale Library. Robert Warren asked about Hazard Memorial Garden improvements. Ms. Clark reported it is still being looked at but will depend on the cost of the ongoing improvements.

7. Statistics

Laurel Clark, Library Director, reported on the statistics of E-books and audiobooks which Trustee Mike Henery had requested. The Board held a discussion on the numbers and where this will lead in the future regarding costs and the possibility of limiting checkouts. No action was taken.

Regular materials borrowed will not be due back until after Peace Dale reopens.

8. Project and Grants Updates

The parking lot will receive upgrades and additional spaces.

Peace Dale Annex has had 47 visits since the opening. It is working well.

Expanded hours at Kingston and Beverly Hale are working well. Staff at both locations have been adapting and have been very helpful.

Expected closure remains at 2-3 months.

There has been one complaint about the book drop being closed.

Trustee, Mike Henery asked about the children's programs. Ms. Clark reported there are no statistics but empirically feels they are well attended.

A. Peace Dale Temporary Closure

- B. Extended Hours at Kingston Free and Robert Beverly Hale Branches
- C. Temporary Annex at Peace Dale Office Building and Services
- D. Parking Lot Expansion

9. Next Meeting:

February 10, 2026 — Kingston Free Library

February 10, 2026 at Kingston Branch.

10. Adjournment: