

**Attleboro Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes September 10, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Diane Mangiaratti at 6:00 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**

Trustees: Bill Gill, Cindy Lorincz, Judy Lusk, Diane Mangiaratti, Charlie Oliver, Mahesh Patel, David Pierce, Tobey Reed, Tricia Svendsen

Library Director: Amy Rhilinger

APL Staff: Meghan Witherell

Rockland Trust Team: Mary Friel, SVP & Director of Relationship Mgt., Relationship Manager  
Paula Murphy, SVP & Director of Portfolio Mgt., Portfolio Manager

**1. Introductions**

Meghan Witherell: Tween/Teen Coordinator

Mary Friel - Rockland Trust representative

Paula Murphy - Rockland Trust representative

**2. Rockland Trust Presentation**

Paula and Mary reported on the status of the Attleboro Public Library investment portfolio. They distributed booklets to the Trustees and reviewed the contents. Paula stated that the APL portfolio has a market value of \$2,029,717. Graphs show a decline in February which was due to tariffs, with a climb beginning in April. Currently there are unknowns because of tariffs. Graphs show the U.S. Treasury Yield Curve indicating rates on bonds from ten years ago, last year and this year. The GDP growth, unemployment rate and inflation are reported in graphs as well. They report it doesn't look like we are heading into a recession, and the Global Economic Activity looks good right now.

For the Calendar Year to Date August 30, 2025 there was a Total Net Return of \$127,878.55.

**3. Minutes of Prior Meeting**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June meeting as presented. The motion passed.

**4. Business Required by Law**

None

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Warrant #1, in the amount of \$13,168.01 was presented.

Charlie made a motion to accept the Warrant, accept Reference gifts totalling \$36.00 and transfer the amount of the Warrant from Rockland Trust to the checking account. It was approved.

Amy reported that 20% of the budget was spent over the summer.

**6. Committee Reports**

- **Policy Committee**

The Policy Committee will set a date for a meeting sometime in the next week. Committee members will be notified.

**7. Director's Report**

Amy submitted a written report commenting on the following:

- HVAC is still not working. Repairs need to go out to bid as the cost is over \$10,000.
- There was a leak in the skylight in mid August. There is no obvious issue, and there have been no other leaking incidents since that initial one.
- The flooring vendors have been chosen. The Library will be closed during the installation of the flooring.
- Staff may locate to 95 Pine Street during the Library closure for the month of December. Plans are being made as to what staff will be working on during the closure, e.g., Professional Development, staff

meetings, school visits, city site visits. Vacation time and voluntary unemployment have also been discussed.

- There have been a lot of staff changes, including new hires, due to in-house promotions and departures.
- The Community Read Kick-off took place Sep. 6 at the Attleboro Arts Museum.
- It was a busy summer with high attendance at the many activities.
- The new Social Worker will begin working three days a week at the end of September.

## **8. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Strategic Plan Update**

Nothing new.

### **B. Flooring Replacement Update**

See above - Director's Report

## **9. New Business**

Amy reported on an Advocacy Boot Camp on Oct. 7 that she will be attending. It is in Worcester, is free, and any Board members are invited to go.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

**Next meeting:** October 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tricia Svendsen