

Pawlet Public Library Minutes, Pawlet Public Library ,141 School St, February 10,2026

Audience: Gordon Dossett- Manchester Journal, Will – Videographer PEG TV

Board members present: Cori Rail, Susan LaPorte, Lauren Herbert, Phoebe McChesney, Amy Miller

6:04pm Call to order by Cori

Operating norms read by Cori

Added Agenda Items: Pricing of copies at the library and discuss having slate Valley Seed Swap at the Library. Motion by Lauren Second by Amy to Approve. Passed Unanimously

Public Comment: Gordon asked if there would be a decision after executive session. Cori answered that we are planning to have an answer.

Approve Jan 13, 2026 and Jan 21, 2026 minutes. Motion by Phoebe and second by Lauren to approve minutes. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurers Report by Lauren. Discussion of theFY 2026 and FY2027 budgets. Motion to Approve 2027 Budget with corrections by Amy. Second by Sue. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of the prices that libraries in Vermont charge for color and black and white copies.

Motion by Lauren to charge 15cents for black and white copies and 45cents for color copies. Second By Amy. Passed Unaminously.

Motion to approve warrant of \$ 8511.51 by Phoebe ,Second by Sue. Passed Unanimously.

630pm Motion 1 Moved, that the board finds, based on the advice of counsel ,that premature general public knowledge of confidential attorney-client communications with Pawlet’s counsel concerning pending litigation in the matter of Barnes v. Town of Pawlet, et.al. and made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Town of Pawlet,would place the Board of Trustees and Pawlet at a substantial disadvantage. Motion by Sue Second by Lauren. Passed Unanimously

Motion 2 Moved, That the Board go into executive pursuant to 1VSA s313(a)(1)(E) and (F) to receive professional legal advice in the form of confidential attorney client communications with counsel for the for the Town of Pawlet concerning pending litigation in the matter of Barnes v. Pawlet, et.al. Motion by Sue Second by Lauren . Passed Unanimously. Into Executive Session 6:31 pm .

Motion to leave executive session 7:15pm with no decision by Sue Second by Lauren. Passed Unanimously.

Into open meeting at 7:17pm. Motion by Sue: Due to the passage of time without acceptance of our offer, I move to reopen the Library Director position.

Board Discussion of timeline, job description ,hiring committee focus, advertising.

Motion by Lauren .Second by Sue to have the full board as hiring committee. Passed unaminously. We will be accepting applications until March 17,2026. Advertising of the position will go out asap to the

same places that we placed ads the last time. Cori and Amy will reword and freshen up the previous ad wording.

Discussed a time clock. Motion by Sue. Second by Lauren For Cori to oversee research, purchase and install a biometric time clock at the entrance of the library. Passed Unanimously.

Discussion of security cameras to be installed at the library. We will research cost and types of cameras.

Motion by Lauren. Second by Phoebe to extend temporary employee's jobs for three more months. Passed unanimously.

Slate Valley Seed Swap will be in early March. Consensus of the board is that we would love to have the seed swap event at the library .Representative Chris Prichard will be having "Talk with your representative" Feb 28 at the library.

Discussion of changing Board and opening staff email accounts to Google Work Space. Motion by Lauren Second by Phoebe to have Cori set emails up and may spend up to \$300 . Passed Unanimously.

Cori will report to the Select board February 17.

Cori read Reflection of Norms. We agreed that we did well following the norms.

Public Comment: Gordon asked if we could add any more than what we said in open meeting. We had nothing to add.

Next Regular Meeting and Organizational Meeting :March 10,2026 6pm

8:35pm Motion to Adjourn by Phoebe. Second by Amy. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan LaPorte, Temporary Minute Taker