

**Meeting Minutes January 5, 2026
of The Milford Free Library Board of Trustees**

Meeting Held:	January 5, 2026 6:30 – 7:25 pm At the Milford Free Library @ 64 South Main Street, Milford NY
Board Members Present:	Judy MacLachlan Maria Meyer Marie Petta Kathy Shirm Vera Sosnowski Amanda Baysinger
Board Members Absent:	Crystal Huffstickler-Reder
Also Present:	Karen Zimba, Library Director Susan Stockdale, Library Assistant

I. Opening of the Meeting, *Maria Meyer*

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Maria Meyer.

B. Additions to the Agenda:

C. Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes:

The motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by Vera Sosnowski, seconded by Judy MacLachlan and approved unanimously.

II. Reports

A. President's Report, *Maria Meyer*

Reported that the annual budget for 2026 was approved unanimously by email vote due to delayed meetings as a result of inclement weather.

The construction grant for \$36,854 was approved and announced in local newspapers.

B. Library Director's Report, *Karen Zimba*

Reported on the construction grant.

C. Treasurer's Report, *Vera Sosnowski*

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Vera Sosnowski presented year-end report (attached)

D. Secretary's Report, Crystal Huffstickler-Reder

Absent - excused

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

A. Maria Meyer will contact Patrick Welsh and Nathan Keough about interest in submitting construction bids, will update village mayor and board on the construction project, and will inquire about the possibility of using the historical society facility as a base of operations during the construction.

B. Discussion of planning for new shelving, new rugs, other items to borrow, appropriate use of new space and necessity of planning ahead. Excellent opportunity to use data from the survey.

V. Other

Karen Zimba proposed a subcommittee for building needs. Marie Petta, Maria Meyer, Karen Zimba and Vera Sosnowski agreed to serve. Karen Zimba will submit the survey and information about its completion to Chris Cottrell, MCS newsletter editor to be included in the next school district newsletter with a completion date of March 15, 2026.

VI. Adjournment, Maria Meyer

The Board resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. All in favor.

Next Meeting scheduled for **Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:30pm at the library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Petta

Secondary Secretary