

Minutes, East Hampton Library Board of Managers, July 20, 2026

Attendance: Present: Akkad, Carey, Collins, Deichert, Druker, Fabiszak, French, Kroeger, Lipper, Molinari, Rae, Rogers, Shaw, Schaffer, Soriano, Thomas, Walter, Willett.

Absent: Corwin, Ferrin, Parker, Ross

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. At 12:04 p.m., a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual/legal issue. At 12:37 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to change the August meeting to August 10th at 12:00 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without objection.

The Treasurer's Report as of August 24 through June was presented, showing a net operating surplus. The report was accepted. June 2026 Performance:

- Revenue was \$24,091 ahead of budget.
- Expenses were \$135,380 lower than anticipated.
- This resulted in a net operating surplus of \$159,471 for the month.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the June warrants.

The Book Sale Committee reported on the large number of donations received.

The Finance Committee chair proposed scheduling a meeting to review the Library's investment policies prior to the September board meeting. Any recommendations for changes will then be considered by the Committee in December.

The Building Committee reported that Dennis has purchased water sensors and is having them installed. A new motor was needed to repair the HVAC in the Children's Room.

The Grounds Committee reported that the landscaping is in very good shape.

The Authors Night Committee reported that there are 28 dinner parties this year which is higher than usual and encouraged board member attendance.

Dennis gave the Personnel report which included one new hire. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the personnel changes. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to engage an appraiser.

Two resolutions were formally presented and passed by vote.

Resolved that, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c(5), the Board of Managers of the East Hampton Library overrides, for the 2027 calendar year, the tax levy limit imposed by Municipal Law §3-c(3).

Resolved, that the proposed Library budget for the Year 2027 in the amount of \$4,124,320 with a proposed tax levy of \$3,108,181 is hereby approved; the Library Director is authorized to cause the requisite publications of the legal notice in line with a vote date of September 19, 2026 to be undertaken within those newspapers of general circulation within the school districts possessing the electorates entitled to vote upon the budget/tax levy proposition.

Dennis presented the design of a sail cloth and a timeline for the Children's Courtyard refurbishment project. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to commence the Children's Courtyard refurbishment project. Work is scheduled to begin in September and be completed by Memorial Day 2027.

The Summer Reading Club set a new record with 1400 kids registered. Over 9,000 books have been read to date.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10th at 12:00 p.m.