

Jacob Edwards Library

Minutes of September 23, 2025

James Dyer called the Library Trustee meeting of September 23, 2025 to order at 12:05 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Gary Bridgman, James Dyer, Dick Whitney, Mel Blake, Bernadette Meade and Janet Jenkins. Margaret Morrissey, Library Director, was also present. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

The minutes for the August 29, 2025 meeting were read. Mel Blake motioned to accept the minutes, Dick Whitney seconded. So voted.

Financial Report – There was no financial report at this time.

Chess Park- Bernadette had a discussion with Megachess, the company that manufactures the chess pieces that were recently purchased. They indicated their willingness to help with the chess park project. A discussion took place regarding safety/security of chess park.

Chair Report – The Town of Southbridge HR Director has shared the applications of four candidates for the position of Library Director. A subcommittee including Gary Bridgman, Dick Whitney, Mel Blake, Bernadette Meade and Janet Jenkins was formed to review the applications and narrow down the candidates. A discussion regarding a temporary successor for the position took place. The subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 12pm.

Director's Report – Margaret Morrissey discussed matters of repairs, programming and patron behavior in the Director's Report.

At this time Margaret Morrissey delivered closing remarks and left the meeting at 12:45 pm. Bernadette Meade motioned to adjourn, Mel Blake seconded. So voted. James Dyer called an Executive Session at this time.

The next meeting will be on October 28, 2025 at 12:00 PM.

Executive Session Minutes of September 23, 2025

James Dyer called the Library Trustee meeting Executive Session of September 23, 2025 to order at 12:45 PM. Present at the meeting were Trustees Gary Bridgman, James Dyer, Dick Whitney, Mel Blake, Bernadette Meade and Janet Jenkins. Tammie Darling was present to record the minutes.

Topics discussed were:

Retirement party for Margaret Morrissey on Thursday, September 25, 2025. James will be ordering a plaque honoring Margaret for display in the garden at the Library.

Temporary succession of Library Director- James will meet with Town of Southbridge HR department regarding successor, and if the successor should be someone internal.

Subcommittee meeting will be on September 30, 2025 to review applications for the Library Director position and to narrow down the candidates.

Bernadette Meade motioned to adjourn at 1:17 PM, Mel Blake seconded. So voted.