

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
Cold Spring Harbor Library
January 5, 2026

In Attendance:

David Berman, President
Richard Schuster, Vice President
Edward Price, Secretary
Robert Hughes, Friends Foundation Liaison
Gina Berland
Chris Hadjandreas
Sandra Capek-O'Grady
Nicole Prizzi
Janice Rochstein
Roger Podell, Director
Diane Scinta, Assistant Director

Absent:

Dana Lynch, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve December 1, 2025, regular meeting minutes was made by Robert Hughes, seconded by Nicole Prizzi, and approved unanimously.

Financial Matters

The Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2025, was presented as follows: by

Checking:	\$ 81,805.19
Money Market:	\$699,270.76
Everbank CD 12 mo 8/25/26	\$222,656.20
ConnectOneCD 11 mo 9/3/26	\$278,804.16
ConnectOne CD 11 mo 9/18/26	\$278,325.34
ConnectOne CD 12 mo 5/15/26	\$201,994.52
Revenue:	\$265,254.09
Expenditure:	\$184,507.67

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Janice Rochstein, seconded by David Berman, and approved unanimously.

A motion to accept the claims auditor's report dated 1/3/26 was made by Edward Price, seconded by Sandra Capek-O'Grady, and approved unanimously.

Dr. Podell presented a draft budget of \$3,414,705 (2.5% budget increase) with a tax increase of \$3,217,641 (2.0%) which complies with the NYS tax cap for consideration

by the board. The board agreed with the budget proposal but discussed the percentage increase for the tax levy. The board will vote on this matter at the February meeting.

A motion to open a new \$250,000 23-month CD (2.75%) at Connect One was made by Robert Hughes, seconded by Edward Price, and approved unanimously.

Library Operations

Trustee Election and Budget Vote

Voting day is April 14, 2026. Richard Schuster, Janice Rochstein and Nicole Prizzi are due to run for three-year terms and Gina Berland for a two-year term. Candidate petitions are due March 6. Budget meeting, and candidates' night is March 23.

Personnel

Dr. Podell reported that Aidan Cunningham part-time librarian, resigned. His hours will be filled by part-time staff. Julie Pineda, part-time custodian withdrew from the position

Items from Prior Meetings

Carolyn Walkin reserved the May cover of Stroll magazine for the library. It was agreed to provide material in March for publication in the May issue. A board photo and 800-word article must be provided by March 25.

David Berman presented the results of the community survey for consideration.

The board discussed the relationship between Friends of the Library and the library board and opportunities for cooperative fund raising. A committee (David Berman, Robert Hughes, and Roger Podell) will meet with the Friends board to discuss the library board's proposals.

On a motion of Edward Price seconded by Janice Rochstein, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.