

Friends of the Sharon Public Library Minutes, on February 3, 2025
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Present:

Charlotte Hogan, Carolyn Weeks, Elizabeth Kassab, Amity Kelley, Matthew Landau, Catherine Ranahan, Kashmica Sarkar, Lee Ann Amend (library director), Kate Mason, Judy, Sarah, and other library foundation members

Key Tasks assigned and discussed at this meeting:

All:

-May 1; Ruth Weiner author interview event by Sharon TV, intergeneration interviews with local HS students with local seniors, and art events by Kashmica, Susan's book discussion

Judy and Cheryl:

Displayed and discussed the mural for the new library with the friends

Elizabeth Kassab:

Discussed the amount of library funds we have used up to now (\$3,000/\$12,500)

Lee Ann:

Offered that we (the friends) could ask for additional funds because of no book sale we usually would have in May. The next book sale is estimated to be November 6 of this year.

Updates regarding the library:

Electrical work is in progress, smart boards, classrooms being setup, etc.

Stoughton library will be doing the book returns and other library tasks for the two weeks the library will be closed for.

A new web designer company will be taking the place for the libraries website, because the original company has retired.

Elizabeth Kassab:

Sharon library personalized pens will be used for the Sharon reads together event, as well as double sided signs to promote our Spring event around town and nearby towns (Canton, Stoughton, Cobb's corner areas)

Ruth Weiner would also like to have an interactive project with the guests who attend the event; having people answer prompts made by her by writing on index cards/note paper.

Substack might be our new newsletter/email promoting for the FOSPL, which would be free for us to use. But we are looking/keeping options open in the meantime before signing up for a paid membership.