

**DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**JOINT MEETING OF THE**  
**LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE AND**  
**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**September 17, 2025**  
**4:00 PM**

*This meeting was a hybrid meeting in person and available via the Zoom Conferencing platform.*

**Call to Order of the Library Board of Trustees:** Chairman Ron O'Connor called the Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 4:02 PM

This was a hybrid meeting with adequate and accessible access through Zoom.

- Roll Call: Ron O'Connor (Chair), Rita Araujo, and Ann Meitzen.
- With a virtual meeting, a roll call vote should be taken, so that it is absolutely clear what the outcome of the vote is. The meeting must be completely audible.

**Call to Order of the Library Building Committee:** Co-Chairman Ken Pacheco called the Library Building Committee meeting to order at 4:02 PM

This was a hybrid meeting with adequate and accessible access through Zoom.

- Roll Call: Ken Pacheco (Co-Chair), Ron O'Connor (Co-Chair), Pat Gailes, and Britt Grelish-Rust.
- Marc Tavares joined the meeting via Zoom.
- With a virtual meeting, a roll call vote should be taken, so that it is absolutely clear what the outcome of the vote is. The meeting must be completely audible.

**Members of the Friends of the Dighton Public Library were also present for the meeting**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Building Committee members, Library Trustee members, and the Friends of the Dighton Public Library recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review, discuss, act on Ecuadorian woodcarving**

- Artist and Dighton resident Steve Domenigo presented a gift of an Ecuadorian wood carving for the Dighton Public Library titled *Young Readers* for display in the Library.
- Rita Araujo moved to accept the gift of the Ecuadorian wood carving for the Dighton Public Library from Steve Domenigo. Ann Meitzen seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Rita Araujo: Aye

Ann Meitzen: Aye

The motion carried, and the Library Trustees voted to accept the gift of the Ecuadorian wood carving for the Dighton Public Library from Steve Domenigo.

- Steve Domenigo presented the Library Trustees with a check for a \$300 donation for the new Library on behalf of the Domenigo family.
- Ann Meitzen moved to accept the \$300.00 donation presented by Steve Domenigo for the Dighton Public Library on behalf of the Domenigo family. Rita Araujo seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Rita Araujo: Aye

Ann Meitzen: Aye

The motion carried, and the Library Trustees voted to accept the \$300.00 donation presented by Steve Domenigo for the Dighton Public Library on behalf of the Domenigo family.

#### **Review, discuss, act on interim policy on food and drink in the Library**

- Ron O'Connor proposed for the Grand Opening that there should be a sign that says that no food will be allowed in the Library as long as beverage containers are covered and offered to make a sign for the Grand Opening. No vote was taken.

#### **Review, discuss, act on artwork for fireplace in Reading Room**

- Historic Commission Chair Pat Gailes stated that the Historic Commission has a framed Helen Lane map of Dighton for the Library to be hung above the fireplace in the Reading Room.
- Pat Gailes moved to accept the Helen Lane map of Dighton for the Library on behalf of the Dighton Historic Commission. Britt Grealish-Rust seconded.

Ken Pacheco: Aye

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Pat Gailes: Aye

Britt Grealish-Rust: Aye

Marc Tavares: Aye

The motion carried, and the Building Committee voted to accept the Helen Lane map of Dighton for the Library on behalf of the Dighton Historic Commission.

- Ann Meitzen moved to accept the Helen Lane map of Dighton for the Library on behalf of the Dighton Historic Commission. Rita Araujo seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Rita Araujo: Aye

Ann Meitzen: Aye

The motion carried, and the Library Trustees voted to accept the Helen Lane map of Dighton for the Library on behalf of the Dighton Historic Commission.

## **Final plans for September 20th Grand Opening with Friends of the Dighton Public Library**

- Friends of the Dighton Public Library Vice-Chair Tracy Karolczuk discussed the layout of the podium, chairs, and Friends table for the Grand Opening ceremony, including the set-up of chairs and barricades in addition to the break-down after the conclusion of the ceremony. The Friends will also put together the swag bags so that they can be placed on each chair along with the ceremony's programs for the opening.
- Tracy Karolczuk reported that Circulation Librarian Laura Reynolds will serve as the parking lot attendant for the main lot for invited guests and handicap parking. Ron O'Connor reported that the Highway Department will be painting and marking the spaces, including the handicap spaces and their accompanying signs, so that the parking lot is ready for the Grand Opening. Pat Gailes offered to assist as a parking lot attendant. Tracy Karolczuk stated that the Highway Department will need to put up No Parking signs along Main Street, Pleasant Street, and Somerset Avenue. Ron O'Connor stated that he is willing to meet with Highway Superintendent Tom Ferry to keep him updated on the plans for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
- Ron O'Connor reported that the police detail is accounted for, the Police Chief is aware of the ceremony plans, and the Fire Department's Crowd Manager is already scheduled.
- Ron O'Connor stated that there is no occupancy number yet because there is no occupancy permit at this time, but should have the number at some point tomorrow. Ron O'Copnnor also stated that the floor grilles have not yet been installed.
- Britt Grealish-Rust reported that the Library sign has been moved from the Modular Unit and that the address has been changed to 207 Main Street. Britt Grealish-Rust also reported that ADA Jonathan Gale was at 207 Main Street doing his ADA inspections.
- Britt Grealish-Rust reported that the Highway Department has covered the cracks in the pavement with gravel and cut stone and will be putting mulch down at the front of the building. Library Trustee Rita Araujo reported that the Dighton Garden Club will be providing mums and potted plants for the Grand Opening, in addition to pumpkins and corn stalks donated by Artaujo's that the Highway Department will pick up tomorrow.
- Tracy Karolczuk reported that Kevin Smith will be providing the ribbon and scissors and that he will be dropping them off at the Library either today or tomorrow.
- Tracy Karolczuk reported that the Friends table will include refreshments, information about the Friends, membership forms, the swag raffle basket, information on museum passes, and information on items the Friends purchased for the new Library.
- Tracy Karolczuk reported that Library Director Mark Procknik recommended that staff photographs and photo opportunities happen before the ceremony begins so that it does not slow the flow of the ceremony.
- Ron O'Connor raised the idea of having a guestbook for visitors to sign. The Building Committee, Library Trustees, and Friends all thought it was a good idea to have.
- Rita Araujo noted that the Highway Department intends to move the shed to 207 Main Street and put it on the smaller parking lot where the old fire pit used to be.

## **Adjournment**

- Ann Meitzen moved to adjourn the Library Trustee meeting. Rita Araujo seconded.  
Ron O'Connor: Aye  
Rita Araujo: Aye  
Ann Meitzen: Aye

The motion carried, and the Library Trustees meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM

- Britt Grealish-Rust moved to adjourn the Library Building Committee meeting. Pat Gailes seconded.  
Ken Pacheco: Aye  
Ron O'Connor: Aye  
Pat Gailes: Aye  
Britt Grealish-Rust: Aye  
Marc Tavares: Aye

The motion carried, and the Building Committee meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM