

**HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY                      DRAFT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**April 27, 2026**

Board members present: Phil Brandon, Judi DiLoreto, Mark Geisler, Gina Goodenow, Françoise LeGoues Marie Manner, Cynthia Neff, Steve Pavlopoulos, Kevin Quigley, Charles Smith, Tammi Trudel

Also present: Jill Davis, Director, Theresa Jersey, Children’s Librarian, Jenny Kolesar, Business Manager, Katie Caracci, Administrative Manager

Total attendance: 16

Mrs. LeGoues called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. The meeting began with those in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES – April 28, 2025**

The minutes of the April 28, 2025, annual meeting were accepted (reading of them waived) on a motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Trudel; motion carried 11-0.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ms. Goodenow presented the proposed 2026-2027 Library Operating Budget which will be voted on by Hendrick Hudson School District voters on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The Library’s proposed budget reflects a 4.9% levy increase which is a 4.4% budget to budget increase. This represents approximately a \$69,881 levy increase over last year. The average taxpayer in the Town of Cortlandt will see an annual increase of \$1.27 per thousand of assessed value and Peekskill taxpayers will see an annual increase of \$1.75 per thousand assessed value. For the average taxpayer living in the Town of Cortlandt this means library services will cost \$271 **per year** and in Peekskill that **yearly** number would be \$156.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS**

**Nominated for re-appointment to three-year terms July 2026- June 2029:**

Approved at the April 27, 2026 meeting:

Tammi Trudel  
Mark Geisler  
Phil Brandon

**Motion** to accept the re-appointment of Ms. Trudel was made by Mr. Brandon, seconded by Mr. Pavlopoulos; motion passed unanimously 10-0 with Ms. Trudelo abstaining.

**Motion** to accept the re-appointment of Mr. Geisler was made by Ms. Trudel, seconded by Ms. Neff; motion passed unanimously 10-0 with Mr. Geisler abstaining.

**Motion** to accept the re-appointment of Mr. Brandon was made by Mr. Geisler, seconded by Mr. Quigley; motion passed unanimously 10-0 with Mr. Brandon abstaining.

### **NEW YORK STATE ANNUAL REPORT TRUSTEE NUMBER RESOLUTION**

New York State now requires that libraries with a range of the number of trustees listed in their charter (HHFL= 7-11) to approve, by resolution, the increase or decrease of the actual number of trustees at their annual meeting. To comply with this requirement a **motion** to approve the number of trustees for the Hendrick Hudson Free Library as 11 for the fiscal year 2026-2027 was made by Ms. Goodenow and seconded by Ms. Trudel; motion carried unanimously 11-0.

### **DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2025**

See attached

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES)**

#### **PROGRAM (none)**

#### **OTHER**

There was acknowledgment of the staff and director for all that they do to make the Hen Hud Library the best it can be by Ms. Neff, Mrs. Trudel and Mr. Brandon.

Ms. Kolesar expressed her gratitude for all that Mrs. Davis does to support the staff of the library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.