

Chester Public Library

Special Meeting on 7/24/25

Present: Hema Easley, Allen Hershman, Noreen Stevenson and Maureen Jagos

Hema Easley called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. Allen Hershman seconded.

Hema made a motion to accept the 2026 Library budget with an increase of up to 2%.

Allen Hershman seconded. All were in favor.

The Resolution is as follows:

Whereas, the adoption of this 2026 budget for the Chester Public Library requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Chester Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2026 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on July 24,2025.

Maureen Jagos will forward the valid petition signatures required for the November town election, along with a cover letter to the Chester Town Board.

Maureen Jagos applied for a building project grant awarded by RCLS, which will help cover up to 50% of a plumbing project for the downstairs of the Library. Hema signed the insurances that NY State requires. Maureen will forward the Grant application to Brandon Holdridge, the Chester Town Supervisor, for his signature as well since the town owns the Library building. The grant must be approved at the next Town Board meeting.

Hema Easley made a motion to close the meeting at 6:25pm and Allen Hershman seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by Noreen Stevenson in the absence of Beth Pechman.