



April 7, 2025

Marion Public Library Board of Trustees
SPECIAL MEETING

Attendance

<u>Board and Invited Attendees</u>	<u>Present</u> Kerry Sargent, President Melanie Rivera, Vice President Joanna Meyer, Secretary Samantha Buss, Library Board Member Tracy Whitney, Library Manager	<u>Absent</u> Gail Stoddart, Library Board Member Margi Taber, Town Board Liaison
<u>Other Attendees</u>	There were no other attendees.	

The meeting was called to order by Kerry Sargent at 6:22pm.

Purpose of the Special Meeting: To discuss and decide whether to move forward with the 414 referendum

1. Discussion of 414 Referendum: Board members discussed pros and cons of 414 Referendum. Concerns were raised in regards to the Library Board Members not having the full information regarding budgetary commitments/requirements from the Town, including (but not limited to):
 - a. Time study regarding Kathy’s time for Marion Public Library duties (cost for payroll and accounting)
 - b. Shared staff
 - c. Rent/facility usage contract
 - i. Garbage
 - ii. Maintenance, repairs- who will be responsible for what?
 - iii. Snow removal
 - iv. Other
 - d. What will happen to the current library reserve funds?
 - e. Will the Town Board maintain a contingency budget within the proposed 2026 budget?
2. Comments and Questions-
 - a. Town Supervisor stated at the informational meeting that she would not discuss Town commitments without a formal vote from the Library Board to move forward with the 414 Referendum.
 - b. Discussion: what is a reasonable “starting point” for the overall budget to account for cost of living increases, potential costs that will be incurred, etc based upon current programing and budget plans for 2026?

3. Motion made by Melanie, seconded by Samantha to move forward with a 414 Referendum for the purposes of funding the Marion Public Library through a sustainable, voter-determined tax appropriation. Proposed amount of annual Town of Marion tax contribution to the Marion Public Library to be \$250,000, contingent upon follow-up discussions with Town regarding the Marion Library's liabilities and payments to the town for services and use of premises. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kerry; seconded by Samantha. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joanna Meyer, secretary.