

M.N. Spear Library Reuse Committee Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2026

Committee members present: Rita Farrell, Mary Jo Johnson, Stephen Dallmus, Paul Lyons, Henry Geddes.

Committee member absent: Susie Mosher

No other Staff or guests present

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am

Agenda Review: As posted

1. General Business: Approve the Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2026.

VOTE: Approved unanimously with no edits.

2. Review the Draft Final Report

- a. Tentative plan (pending availability of Selectboard) is to give final report to be given to the Selectboard at their next meeting on June 9th.
- b. All edits have been incorporated from the last meeting, and the addenda have been added to the report
- c. This would likely be the last meeting of the committee, and the committee can vote on final report at the joint meeting if desired
- d. The committee discussed some edits to this final draft including clarifying language about the feasibility of redeveloping the Spear building given the potential cost and complexity.
- e. New recommendation to be added to the report: the committee's opinion is that the addition of a functioning bathroom at the former Spear building greatly enhances the potential options for its future use(s). The committee recommends the Selectboard secure some professional consulting services to assess the feasibility and cost of adding a bathroom.
- f. Paul is going to make the final edits to this draft, and it will be circulated to the committee prior to the June 9th meeting.

VOTE: To accept the changes to the report as discussed at today's meeting: approved unanimously.

VOTE: to adjourn meeting at 10:25: approved unanimously

Document and Other Items Used at the Meeting:

1. Meeting Minutes for 5/14/26
2. Committee Final Report Draft

** A full version of the 5/22/26 M.N. Spear Library Reuse Committee meeting is available to view on the Town of Shutesbury's YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/75RAHNzpyvU>