

July 15, 2025

Rye Public Library
Board of Trustees
581 Washington Road
Rye, NH 03870q
And via email at ARichmond@ryepubliclibrary.com

Re: Follow up to Allyship 101 and June 17th Public Comments

Dear Library Trustees:

Thank you for your time at Tuesday's (6/17) Trustee meeting during public comment and for listening to our thoughts and concerns. We'd like to take this opportunity to follow up on what we talked about and provide a roadmap of how we'd love to see the Trustees proceed from here.

In the event this letter is requested as part of a 91-A Right to Know request, we do not need our names redacted, as we stand by our statements and positions, and are happy to do so publicly.

Meetings:

1. Have at least once a month regularly scheduled meetings at a set time of the month and time of day (i.e. the 3rd Tuesday of every month).
2. Have meetings in the evening instead of at 9am - starting at 5pm, 6pm - this will allow for more citizen attendance and engagement.

Agendas and Minutes:

3. Post Agendas as soon as they are ready - ideally before the 24 hour requirement. Work with Janice at the Town Hall to see how the Library can make it easiest for her to post meeting dates and agendas on the Town website in a timely manner.
4. Post agendas and meeting minutes in a simplified format, removing the monthly folder structure and adopting a simple naming convention that would cause them to sort in chronological order within one "Minutes and Agendas" folder.
5. Make meeting minutes more detailed whenever possible.

Programming:

6. Affirmatively and actively include library programming that promotes inclusivity.
7. Commit to bringing back NH Outright for next year.

General:

8. Suggest that Trustees have their own library emails @ryepubliclibrary.com

9. Issue a public statement apologizing for the misstep in postponing the Allyship 101 event on stated ideological grounds, and reaffirming that the library is a place where all are truly welcome.

Thank you for your time and consideration, we will follow up with you in your next public meetings to offer any needed support to accomplish these items. And thank you for your important work on the Board.

Signed:

Claire Spollen
Sarah Curtin
Keri Roman
Misty McCarty
Leigh Ann Steele
Lisa Jacobus
Nina Webb
Sarah Beaudoin
Rachel McCann
Amy MacNeill Rickey