

Trinity Rutland Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2026

Present: Brandy Blosser, Melissa Alarie Cassi Whitcomb, Judy Hall, Lois Castonguay, Diane Novak, David Rugger, Shannon Hill, Holly Webb, and Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

Absent: None

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Mother Sarah opened the meeting with a prayer at 5:04 p.m.

The meeting was an abbreviated one as the CRASE training was scheduled concurrently with tonight's meeting.

Approval of April minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting, as amended by three email voting addenda: a) Parking Lot Lease approval; b) Smith & Benson funds transfer; and c) approval of the Two Birds contract for siding the rectory, was made by Diane, seconded by David. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and all were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Reports: Motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report was made by Lois, seconded by David. Discussion: Sarah advised that we did get money back from the insurance company for an increase of \$900 on the electric bill caused by fans and heaters following the frozen/broken heat pipes event. A vote to approve the treasurer's report was called and was unanimously approved.

Ministry Oversight Items:

Stewardship: Diane advised that discussions are taking place regarding a compensation issue, but nothing has been settled yet. It's a work in progress.

Worship: Lois indicated things are all set for now.

Evangelism: Sarah advised that Trinity is all registered for the Pride Festival event. She also shared that Ernie Hathaway is not moving away as soon as expected. He has met with Sarah and will be assisting with evangelism for a little bit longer – for Pride and coordinating (not attending) for National Night Out – but we need all to be aware that others need to commit to helping out for these events, not just leaving it all up to Ernie. Others need to step up and learn from Ernie how to keep these ministries alive and effective.

Education: Brandy had nothing new to report.

Pastoral: Shannon advised that things are going well. There has been good attendance at the Trinity In Stitches meetings, with good fellowship, but the program needs to get a bit more organized. The group is looking into ideas for working with nursing homes or hospice organizations effectively.

Property:

- Lois advised that June 13th has been scheduled for an outside property clean-up day. She also advised that the siding project at the rectory is finally going to happen. The materials are being purchased before the June 1st materials price increase occurs, and they will be stored at the Castonguay property until the job can be undertaken by Two Birds. She has also been in contact with the Vermont Preservation Trust regarding grants available to Trinity for repairs to our building which is a historic site. They will be making a site visit on June 25th at 10:30 a.m.
- Sarah asked Lois to reach out to Trina at Eliminator because robins have gotten in through the wire mesh at the rectory and built nests again. We have paid Eliminator for work that they have not done yet and they need to come back and finish the job.
- Lois advised that a color for the siding for the rectory has been chosen, Nantucket (light gray) with white trim. The project will include the soffits and rain gutters, but those will be performed by a separate contractor with a separate cost because roofing projects are outside the scope of what Two Birds can do.

Service and Outreach: There will be a Women of Trinity and Friends Day event held on Sunday, July 12. WOTF will plan the event and give a presentation on what the ministry of WOTF might look like going forward.

The next meeting would ordinarily occur on June 18th, but as there may be multiple absences, an alternative date will be chosen and announced. There will be no July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned so that all could attend the CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) Training.

Report of Email Voting: In a series of emails from 6/3/26 to 6/9/26, Holly motioned and Lois's seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a new AED machine for the parish (\$1,841.35). Our old one is dead. Cassi and David did not respond, but all others responded positively and the motion passed with at least two thirds positive approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Webb
Clerk