

APPROVED

Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

June 12, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

In Attendance:

Linda Cochrane, Hillary Cohen, Dylan Ford, Becca Pedersen, and Jackie Verley.

Agenda:

No deletions to the agenda.

Discussion on courier application and discussion on contracting with Consolidated vs. Spectrum were added to the agenda.

Board Meeting Minutes:

May minutes were reviewed and approved.

Board Chair Report:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of this month's budget were distributed. There was discussion regarding the postage, we have started to use more discretion in which books are lent out. The treasurer's report was approved.

Librarian's Report:

- The VLA conference was the largest to date. There was a lot of emphasis placed on resilience, which tied in well with Dylan's presentation.
- CLif has wrapped up.
- Dylan asked the select board to look into installing a water spigot outside the library.
- Lots of book donations are coming in for the book sale on July 19th.
- Book prices have increased substantially. Ira has found a potential alternative for buying new publications used (they will be available at the library only a few weeks later than if we bought new), and will be able to save a significant amount per book.
- Dylan is going to apply for a larger grant than the one she was previously looking into. The larger grant is aimed at building a resilience program rather than a one-time event, and could potentially provide money for instructors and materials for classes at the library.
- The Vermont Humanities council is working with the New Hampshire Humanities council to participate in the "Museum on Main Street" program through the Smithsonian in towns throughout the United States. The humanities

council is offering money for towns to host (for six weeks) the exhibits, as well as create exhibits of their own.

- Ira has created a new seed library template.
- Ira has been working on an idea for Summer Reading. It is a “choose your own adventure” theme.
- Tuesday evening computer literacy classes will be starting in July.
- Sundays at the Library will expand to include more games than cribbage, and will now be called “Sundays at the Library” to reflect the change as well as help patrons remember that the library is open on Sundays.
- The Silver Circus will be coming on August 5th.

Art at the Library Update:

- Art at the Library is on summer break. Ideas for the new year include:
 - Having the author of “Gather” coming to speak
 - Having David Feurzeig (who is traveling around to play the piano in all the Vermont towns) come to play here.
- Susan Chandler will be doing her class in September.

Monthly Tasks:

- We reviewed the Gifts Policy, and decided to hold off any edits until we get more information from professionals, including the town lawyer.

New Business:

- Courier program application is due soon. We decided not to pursue this year, our current system is working for us.
- Our 3-year contract runs out with Consolidated on July 27. Spectrum would be faster, but also is a significant increase in monthly cost. Dylan will get more specific quotes from both Consolidated and Spectrum. Discussion will continue at the August meeting.

Old/Continuing Business:

- We will wait on the gifts policy updates for more information from the town lawyer.
- No updates on the T-shirt fundraiser.
- No updates on the library railing.
- We will have a book sale prep meeting in June to sort books for the book sale in July.

Action Items:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next meeting will be on August 14th, 2025 at 7:00pm. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, with the exceptions of December and July.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Cohen, Secretary