

APPROVED

Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

August 14, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

In Attendance:

Linda Cochrane, Hillary Cohen, Jackie Verley, Sue Wood, and Anea Lelong-Douglas.

Agenda:

Additions to the agenda included:

- Barnet History Books
- Barnet Garden Tour

There were no deletions to the agenda.

Board Meeting Minutes:

June minutes will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Board Chair Report:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer distributed copies of this month's budget and had no comments. The treasurer's report was approved.

Librarian's Report:

Dylan was absent from the meeting, Jackie read her report.

- The Silver Circus was great and enjoyed by all who attended. We are hoping to have him return next summer, and to take advantage of his option to have a day of workshops for kids culminating in a performance at the end of the day. Dylan will reach out to other local libraries to hopefully work together to sponsor this event.
- Last day of summer reading is August 30th.
- Sunday game days are gaining momentum, and seem to have a committed group of participants.
- Tuesday evenings are being promoted as a time for patrons to receive computer help.
- There will be a yoga class starting at the library on Monday the 18th. Classes will be Saturdays and Mondays at 5pm.
- We received the Smithsonian grant! The exhibit will be open during Summer/Fall 2026.
- Dylan is working on another grant for resilience education programing.

- Meditation with a focus on help for people with Parkinson's Disease will be starting in September.
- We are looking into moveable shelving for the other side of the library (these would be needed for the Smithsonian exhibit). There will be a meeting with a consultant to discuss options for the new shelving.
- Hose was installed! The garden may need amendments to improve the soil.

Art at the Library Update:

1. Play Every Town Vermont (David) could possibly play at the West Barnet Presbyterian Church on October 12. We would need to pay for the piano to be tuned. Linda will confirm dates and location.
2. Susan Chandler will be presenting 'Identifying Ages of Linens and Textiles' in September.
3. Looking towards the fall/early winter, we will have wreath making again, as well as felting and paper folding.

Monthly Tasks:

1. Review Computer and Internet Use Policy
 - a. No edits were noted.
2. Review Wireless Access Policy
 - a. No edits were noted.
3. Annual Appeal
 - a. Discussion regarding preparing the annual appeal.
 - b. We discussed the potential for a bike maintenance station.

New Business:

1. Book sale donation
 - a. Book sale was a lot of work, but did give good publicity for the library. We also made \$300 for the library. The board voted to donate \$50 to the Fire District.
2. Shelving updates
 - a. Discussed above.
3. Internet provider
 - a. No new updates.
4. Barnet Garden Tour
 - a. Anea Lelong-Douglass proposed collaborating on a garden tour in 2026, with ticket sales benefiting the library. Discussion ensued regarding details, including insurance required for the event, as well as determining individuals willing to be part of the tour. We will revisit with Anea during the October meeting.
5. Barnet History Books
 - a. We discussed ordering 12 Barnet History books, several have been preordered. Discussion ensued regarding where the funds for these should come from, as the cost will be reimbursed. It was determined that the cost of the books should be taken from the adult book budget.

Old/Continuing Business:

1. Gifts Policy Updates

- a. No new updates.
- 2. T shirt fundraiser
 - a. No new updates.
- 3. Library railing
 - a. No new updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Next Meeting will be on September 11, 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