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Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

September 18, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

No deletions to the agenda.

Addition of fall foliage maps to the agenda.

Board Meeting Minutes:

June minutes were reviewed and approved.

August minutes were reviewed and amended to include that the Barnet History book funding will come from the adult book budget.

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:

- The Smithsonian Humanities Grant will be here from mid-July through the end of August (six weeks).
- Dylan applied to the Vermont Humanities Project Grant to enhance our resiliency series by funding classes for the community. Potential classes include a fermentation series, traditional and sustainable trapping, community printing, a low mobility yoga series, native plants and herbalism series, circus arts workshop and performance, root cellaring, seed saving, as well as an ambient weather station.
- Trunk or Treat will take place at the Barnet School. This year the bathrooms will be open, and there will be a Monster Mash middle school dance!
- Game days on Sundays have increased in popularity. Younger kids have been coming, and have expressed interest in Pokemon.

- The library is building momentum as a space for community use. Currently community members are utilizing the library as a space for yoga, meditation, and herbalism classes.
- Summer reading has ended.
- There is one student who gets off the bus at the library, and interest is building for more students to join.

Art at the Library Update:

- The Aging Textiles class with Susan is on September 27th. People are encouraged to bring small items (not quilts) to age.
- 'Play Every Town Vermont' will be coming to the Barnet School on October 12th. Sue Persson will be the local musician to play with him. He requests that the piano be tuned before he comes. Motion was made to allocate up to \$250 to tune the piano, motion carried.

Monthly Tasks:

- Data review (circulation, patron use)
 - Discussion ensued regarding upward trend of library usage, as well as how to reach out more to the Senior Meal Site.
- Review Exhibits and Displays Policy
 - Policy was reviewed and no edits were noted.
- Review Revision of Policies Policy
 - Policy was reviewed and no edits were noted.

New Business:

- Annual Appeal Draft
 - Discussion ensued regarding potential edits. Final read through will be done at the October meeting, and annual appeals can be sent soon after.
- Fall Foliage Maps
 - The fall foliage committee prints maps each year. These are very popular, and many people come to the library to pick them up. We discussed paying half the cost to print the maps (the other half paid by the fall foliage committee). There was a motion to pay the \$78.12, motion carried.
- Dog Nuisance Complaint
 - Reports have been made that an individual has been bringing their dog to the library to urinate on the porch. The board discussed drafting a letter to send to the individual requesting that they stop. Motion was made to draft the letter, motion carried.
- Shelving updates
 - We discussed purchasing moveable shelving units for the center shelves in the adult section of the library. For six mobile shelving units (one size taller than the units in the children's section) the quote is \$8,542.40. There are also fixed shelving options available that we could look into using in the future. The moveable shelving would allow flexibility to create more open space for events, as well as change the flow of the library to encourage patrons to browse through a larger percentage of books. Motion

was made to use funds in the Edward Jones account to purchase the shelves, motion carried.

- Internet provider
 - No new updates.

Old/Continuing Business:

- Gifts Policy Updates
 - No new updates.
- T shirt fundraiser
 - No new updates.
- Library railing
 - No new updates.

Motion made to enter executive session for Library Director review. Motion carried, board entered executive session at 8:14pm.

Motion made to exit executive session at 8:43pm, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Next Meeting will be on October 9, 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