

## **APPROVED**

### **Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

**January 8, 2026**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

#### **In Attendance:**

Linda Cochran, Hillary Cohen, Dylan Ford, Rachel Kittredge, Becca Pedersen, and Sue Wood.

#### **Agenda:**

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

#### **Board Meeting Minutes:**

November and December minutes were reviewed and approved.

#### **Board Chair Report:**

None.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer distributed copies of this month's budget and questioned why we did not receive the town tax appropriation we expected (\$34,000 instead of \$35,000). The treasurer's report was approved.

#### **Librarian's Report:**

- Bridge articles are starting back up – Dylan is writing the next one. She is one of seven rotating librarians who participate and share news going on in each town.
- Summer reading theme this year is Unearth a Story. The grant is \$350, Dylan will write the grant next week.
- The Seed Swap is coming up, and will be led by Ira as well as a few other individuals. It will be from 12-2:00 on Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>, the national seed swap day.
- Ira has begun the certification process for the public librarianship, and was also able to join the Cohort One program which will fast track him through the certification program in roughly six months. He has also mentioned possibly pursuing a Master of Library Sciences degree.
- Lots of children are getting off the bus at the library, roughly ages 3-7. The middle school leadership program has continued to meet at the library.

#### **Art at the Library Update:**

- Wreath making class was well attended and a great time!
- Rebecca Boardman will be doing a paper class on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Sheri Schenk will be holding a felting class on April 21.

**Monthly Tasks:**

- a) Review Board Bylaws  
Review was moved to the February meeting.
- b) Approve Proposed Library Budget for the Coming Fiscal Year  
Motion was made and approved, motion carried.
- c) Reminder of Trustee Term(s) Ending  
Jackie's term is up this year, and she is interested in running again. Becca will nominate her at Town Meeting. Sue has decided to step away from the board. Her term is up in 2027.
- d) Review Inclement Weather Policy  
The policy was reviewed and amended to indicate that if the library needs to close unexpectedly, it will be posted on social media as well as front porch forum and the library website. Motion was made and approved to make the changes to the policy.
- e) Annual Appeal Thank You notes  
Blank cards as well as a list of recipients were dispersed to board members.

**New Business:**

None

**Old/Continuing Business:**

- a) Smithsonian Exhibit
  - Dylan is attending monthly meetings online.
  - We will not need to pay shipping for the exhibits, thanks to a Vermont beer company offering to put exhibits on their trucks for free.
  - July 29<sup>th</sup> the exhibit will be here, and we can put it up.
  - July 30<sup>th</sup> is our potential opening date
  - The exhibit will be here until September 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>, likely needing to be packed up September 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - The shipping containers will be stored in Amber Reed's barn while the exhibit is taking place.
  - Dylan and Ira will have a full day Smithsonian training (potentially in late Feb).
- b) Vermont Humanities Project Grant
  - First program will be the Seed Swap on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Dylan is working with the McIndoe Community Center to use their new kitchen for the fermentation workshop.
  - The circus arts workshop will be at the Barnet School.
  - The chair yoga class dates are set, and will be held at the library.
  - Hard Pressed will be doing both workshops here at the library.
  - Dylan is still working on finalizing dates for several classes.
  - Serviceberry books have been ordered for the Serviceberry class.

- c) Internet provider
  - We have officially moved from Consolidated to Spectrum internet. The internet is noticeably faster, but does occasionally have some glitches.
- d) Gifts Policy Updates
  - None
- e) T shirt fundraiser
  - Linda has been collecting T shirts when she finds them at thrift stores, in all colors and all sizes, to print on when we are ready.
- f) Library railing
  - None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Next Meeting will be on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 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