

APPROVED

Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

February 12, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

Addition of Web OPAC discussion to the agenda.

No deletions to the agenda.

Board Meeting Minutes:

January minutes were reviewed and approved.

Board Chair Report:

None

Treasurer's Report:

There was no Treasurer's Report this month, as no documents were sent by the Town Clerk.

Librarian's Report:

- There have been mostly positive responses to the new seating area near Dylan's desk. She finds that it is promoting more community conversation, as well as making it more welcoming when patrons are entering the library.
- The seed swap this year was small, but we may have another in April when more Vermonters are thinking of planting.
- Dylan has made a pamphlet including all of the events in the Resiliency Project grant, as well as the Smithsonian Exhibit information and dates, and Summer Reading Events.
- Summer reading grant money (\$350) has come in. Dylan has contacted VINS to see what programs they might have available. Lambing Story Hour and Strawberry Story Hour have already been confirmed, other events are possible.
- Dylan and Ira will be going to Dartmouth for a full day Smithsonian training on February 24th. There will be a sub at the library.
- New rugs for the library have been ordered (through the town) due to the current rugs being a safety issue. The subscription company (Cintas) has not come to clean/replace the current ones since November.

Art at the Library Update:

- Rebecca Boardman will be doing a paper arts class on Tuesday March 31st.
- Sheri Schenk will be doing a felting class on April 21st.
- We are hoping to have a Vermont Humanities speaker come to speak in October, potentially about Vermont history.
- Wreath making will be in December.

Monthly Tasks:

- a. Review Monthly Bylaws
 - Bylaws were reviewed, and no edits were noted.

- b. Review Library Mission Statement
 - Mission Statement was reviewed and no edits were noted.

- c. Review Confidentiality Policy
 - Confidentiality Policy was reviewed, and questions were raised on whether the Vermont statue listed was the correct statue. Motion was made to amend the policy to list Vermont Statue 172, and carried. We also discussed making “Vermont Statute 172” a dynamic link within the Confidentiality Policy, leading directly to the full statue.

- d. Review Choice and Consent Policy
 - Choice and Consent Policy was reviewed and no edits were noted.

- e. Review User Access Policy
 - User Access Policy was reviewed and no edits were noted.

New Business:

Errors have been noticed in the Web OPAC system (circulation histories, etc). Dylan talked to the company, who stated that there was a gap in our service due to a missing monthly payment. Dylan will follow up with billing, as our payment is on autopay.

Discussion ensued regarding system glitches, user friendliness of the system, how/if to promote the system, and if this system is a worthwhile use of library funds.

Old/Continuing Business:

- a. T shirt fundraiser
 - Dylan will be inquiring with a local printer about pricing for printing on the T-shirts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Next Meeting will be on March 12, 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