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Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

March 12th, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

In Attendance:

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

Officer roles were confirmed as follows:

Chair – Jackie Verley

Co-Chair – Becca Pedersen

Secretary – Hillary Cohen

Art at the Library Coordinator – Linda Cochrane

The role of treasurer will be voted on at the April meeting.

Agenda:

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Board Meeting Minutes:

February minutes were reviewed and approved.

Board Chair Report:

None

Treasurer's Report:

There was no treasurer's report this month due to the transition to a new treasurer.

Librarian's Report:

- There are 19 people signed up for the Serviceberry Book discussion on March 18th. Emma Ricci has 20 bare root Serviceberry bushes ready for pick up in the second week of May for book discussion participants.
- Chair Yoga is almost full, it will begin on March 23rd, and run every Monday for 6 weeks.
- Traditional and Sustainable trapping will be on March 22nd.
- Annual report for the department of libraries has been completed.
- Dylan has been struggling with the Web OPAC customer support, she has reached out many times and is not hearing back from them. We discussed the possibility of cancelling our subscription as it is expensive and is not working well for patrons.

- The physical brochures detailing all the programming going on at the library has been very well received. Patrons have expressed gratitude for a physical resource, as not everyone is online.
- Dylan now has remotely accessible thermometers that will be in the library. Now she can tell what the temperature in the library is from her phone and won't need to check on the library temperature in person on days when the library is not open.

Art at the Library Update:

- Becky Boardman will be doing a paper weaving class on March 31st.
- Sheri Schenk will hold her felting class April 28th. She may also hold a kids' class to make a bird's nest materials holder.

Monthly Tasks:

- a) Compliance with the Law/Confidentiality Policy was reviewed. No edits were noted.
- b) General Considerations Policies were reviewed. An age update was noted, motion was made to update the age from 16 to 12 under "parents may be asked to sign registration forms and be responsible for materials signed out for children under the age of 12". Motion carried.

New Business:

- a) The Bike Repair Tool was selected, motion was made to use \$2,210 from the annual appeal to purchase it, motion carried.

Old/Continuing Business:

- a) Smithsonian Exhibit
 - a. Dylan and Ira went to a full day training with a representative from the Smithsonian. It was very helpful to hear other hosting towns' ideas and how the Smithsonian representatives can support the programming.
 - b. Dylan and Ira will have another training in June, and help put up the exhibit in Bellows Falls to gain experience in how to put it up and see it in person.
 - c. The Alchemist brewery will deliver the exhibit free of charge, we will not need to use any of the grant money for shipping.
- b) T shirt Fundraiser
 - a. Efforts continue to contact Steven about printing the T-shirts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Next Meeting will be on April 9, 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