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Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

May 14, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Board Meeting Minutes:

April minutes were reviewed and approved.

Board Chair Report:

None

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer distributed copies of this month's budget. Discussion ensued regarding how to accurately organize several expenditures in line items. The treasurer's report was approved.

Librarian's Report:

- Green Up Day was very busy and successful, thank you Allison Vernon for organizing, as well as all the other volunteers!
- While rinsing cans for Green Up Day, it became evident that the outside spigot was leaking. The spigot has now been fixed.
- The hot water heater in the library has been unreliable, and we are working towards getting a new one.
- The lights upstairs also are not currently working.
- The historical society will have boxes moved upstairs before June.
- Spring Ephemerals Walk was great, even with less than ideal weather.
- We continue to get very positive feedback regarding the resiliency grant classes.
- Hard Pressed Community Press will teach the next classes on May 29th and June 26th. The Silver Circus will be on September 11th, and Vermont Ferments will be on September 17th.
- Discussion regarding an appreciation event in October for the people who were involved in the resiliency grant, as well as the people who consistently teach classes and volunteer at the library.
- Dylan is starting to plan for Summer Reading, and has reached out to VINS to price out their presentation on fossils and dinosaurs.

- On July 8th, Hardwick author Jodi Lew-Smith will be coming to speak and do a book signing for her book Asa James.

Art at the Library Update:

- Sheri's felting class was a small class due to rescheduling, but went very well.

Monthly Tasks:

- a. Review Building Use Policy
 - a. Policy was reviewed, no edits were noted.
- b. Review Collection Development Policy
 - a. Policy was reviewed, and several edits naming the Barnet Library specifically were noted. Two other punctuation edits were noted. Motion was made to adopt the edits, was seconded, and carried.
- c. Review Library of Things Policy and Addendum
 - a. Policy was reviewed, no edits were noted.

New Business:

- a. Edward Jones
 - a. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to add Becca Pedersen and Ben St. James to the account.

Old/Continuing Business:

- a. Barnet Public Library and Barnet Historical Society Partnership
 - a. No updates
- b. Smithsonian Exhibit
 - a. The date of delivery looks like to be July 28th, midday. We plan to put the exhibits up that day, and have a grand opening on the 29th.
 - b. There will be a speaker series starting on July 29th with Peggy Pearl who will introduce the Smithsonian exhibit and speak about both Vermont and local Barnet innovators and innovations. On August 16th John Vincent will present "A Revolution Will Not Be Tweeted" and discuss the printing press and how it made news accessible. On September 3rd Steve Taylor will speak on how electricity changed life in northern New Hampshire/Vermont, and particularly how women were affected. These will be held in the McIndoes vestry.
 - c. There will be timeline photos in the adult room in the library showing innovators and innovations in Barnet.
- c. Emergency Response Plan – Draft
 - a. No updates
- d. T shirt Fundraiser
 - a. Our costs will be \$17/shirt, with a one time \$50 set up fee. We will sell them for \$20/kids shirt, \$25/ adult shirt. Motion made, seconded, and carried to spend \$1,325 from the donations line item to purchase 75 T-shirts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next Meeting will be on June 11, 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