

APPROVED

Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

June 11, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Board Meeting Minutes:

May minutes were reviewed and approved.

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:

- Finklepot's fairy hair was a huge success, and very popular.
- July 8th will be the Jodi Lew-Smith (author of Asa James) talk. She is from Hardwick, and patrons who have already read the book really like it. Her talk will be focused on poor farms in Vermont.
- Hard Pressed will have their next class on June 26th. Their prior class went very well, but was during a busy time – hopefully the next class will be larger. They will also be helping Dylan develop a zine showing what we have done through our project grant.
- As part of the summer reading program, on July 21 at 3pm Christine DePetrillo will be coming to do a history of early stories, for kids 4+.
- We will be doing some electrical updates in the basement, the select board approved the finances for this project.
- Repairs to the library door are ongoing.
- Dylan has begun to clean out the basement in preparation for the electrical updates, and will have a table out on the porch each Saturday of items that community members can take.

Art at the Library Update:

- Considering an "Antiques Road Show" type joint event with the Barnet Historical Society. We would hire the Stark Brothers to appraise items, and people could

bring items to be appraised and make a donation at the library. It could happen at the Mile Long Yard Sale, or a separate event in the fall.

Monthly Tasks:

- a. Review Gifts Policy
 - a. Gifts policy was reviewed, and no edits were noted.
- b. Courier Service
 - a. Discussion ensued regarding continuing with postage vs. a courier service. We will continue with postage.

New Business:

- a. Mile Long Yard Sale
 - a. Discussion ensued regarding having a book sale or selling t-shirts and advertising the Smithsonian and other library events. Decision was made not have a book sale this year, but to have a table and sell t-shirts and advertise the Smithsonian and other library events.

Old/Continuing Business:

- a. Barnet Public Library and Barnet Historical Society Partnership
 - a. Board members will review the proposed Memorandum of Understanding for the August meeting.
- b. Smithsonian Exhibit
 - a. Ira and Dylan went to the Smithsonian training. Dylan discussed some of the aspects of putting the exhibit together, and what to expect.
- c. Emergency Response Plan Draft
 - a. No updates
- d. T Shirt Fundraiser
 - a. Motion made and carried to approve up to \$650 to reorder t-shirts if needed.

Action Items:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Next Meeting will be on August 13, 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