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Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

August 20th, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Agenda:
No deletions to the agenda.

Additions to the agenda include discussion of the outcome of the mile long yard sale, as well as OPAC.

Board Meeting Minutes:
June minutes were reviewed and approved.

Board Chair Report:
None

Treasurer's Report:
The treasurer distributed copies of this month's budget, discussion ensued clarifying various expenditures. The treasurer's report was approved.

Librarian's Report:

- We had 75 people at the SPARK opening night, and the number of visitors to the library has increased since the SPARK exhibit opened.
- Dylan had a SPARK meeting today with the previous and future libraries to host the exhibit.
- The Historical Society is having their annual meeting at the library, and then will have a tour of the exhibit.
- Dylan is working on applying for the '26-'27 project grant. She is planning a repair/skills fair on the library lawn, as well as a volunteer/job fair. There will also be some classes including chair yoga, a movement/meditation workshop, as well as others. If the grant does not come through, we have received some donations specifically for programming for next year.
- The Charity and Sylvia book grant (2026 Vermont Reads selection) will include a presentation about non-fiction storytelling through images. Some funding will also go towards the transportation in Barnet timeline.
- Vermont Ferments workshop will be on October 1st. Participants will bring their own vegetables to ferment.

- Ira will be leaving the library.

Art at the Library Update:
- Antique Roadshow will be on fall foliage day - Friday, Oct 2. People can come and have Matt Stark appraise their item(s) in exchange for a donation to the library.

Monthly Tasks:
1) Review Computer and Internet Use Policy
   No edits were noted.
2) Review Wireless Access Policy
   No edits were noted.
3) Director Evaluation
   - Plan to complete in October. Dylan will return Director Review by end of September.
4) Annual Appeal
   Jackie will draft the annual appeal letter.

New Business:
- A public records request was made by a member of the community. They were provided with all relevant documents.

Old/Continuing Business:
- Web OPAC is $220/year. It seems to be more accurate than it has been, discussion ensued regarding whether to renew it for next year.
- Smithsonian exhibit break down plans are in the works, but not yet finalized.
- No updates on the emergency response plan.
- T-Shirt sale at the Mile Long Yard sale was successful; the consensus was that it was better than a book sale.
- Proposal for a member of the library board or Dylan to attend a historical society meeting to discuss the different memorandum drafts and how to meet the expectations of all parties.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Next Meeting will be on September 10th, 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