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Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

October 8th, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

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

Agenda:
No deletions to the agenda.

Addition to the agenda included rescheduling the November meeting.

Board Meeting Minutes:
September minutes were reviewed and approved.

Board Chair Report:
None.

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

Librarian's Report:

- Dylan is still working on the assistant librarian job description.
- We have been ordering more large print books through ABLE Library.
- The Smithsonian close out has been completed.
- The summer reading close out, the project grant close out, and the annual report will be completed soon.
- We will be finding out later this month if we have received the project grant for 2026-2027. We are starting chair yoga now, as we have some donations earmarked for programming. It will start next Monday.
- Emma Ricci will be hosting the Basics of Home Herbalism every other Monday beginning October 19th.
- Someone is interested in starting a book club in November.
- We will be partnering with the Barnet School PTF to run Trunk or Treat this year, and they will plan to take over next year. Should the need arise in the future, Barnet Public Library will step in to lead it again.

Art at the Library Update:

- The Antique and Vintage Appraisal raised some money for the library, and kept Matt Stark busy. Feedback from those who attended was that they would like the event to run again at Harvey's Lake, and to have dealers there to buy items as well.
- We are expecting Annette to teach a wreath making class.
- Laura Goldberg would like to have a fiber arts/craft group at the library.
- Linda shared that she will need to leave the board in January 2027.

Monthly Tasks:

a. Data Review (circulation, patron use)
    a. Discussion ensued
b. Edward Jones annual review
    a. Ben will review the report for the next meeting.
c. Annual Appeal tasks
    a. No edits for the annual appeal letter, we will have Copies and More print them.

New Business:

a. New Banner
    a. No updates, Jackie will follow up on costs.
b. Permanent Barnet History Signs
    a. No updates
c. Assistant Librarian Position
    a. Discussed earlier in the meeting.
d. Web OPAC
    a. No updates.
e. Reschedule November Board meeting
    a. The November meeting will be on Thursday, November 5th.

Old/Continuing Business:

a. Barnet Public Library and Barnet Historical Society Partnership
    a. Dylan will attend the Historical Society's next meeting (next week) to discuss this with them.
b. Emergency Response Plan
    a. No updates on the plan, but fire extinguishers have been examined and are now up to code.

Executive Session(s) Anticipated

a. Consideration of, and take any action on director review (executive session anticipated pursuant to 1 V.S.A 313 (a)(3)).
    a. Motion made to enter executive session at 8:02 pm.
    b. Motion made to exit executive session at 8:37 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Next Meeting will be on November 5th, 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