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**Barrington Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2026
BPL Program Room – 5:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Barrington Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:37 PM by Chair Melanie Haley.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Karolina Bodner, Ezra Hodgson, Robert Drew, Lydia Cupp (remote), and Melanie Haley. Trustees Absent: Richard Compagnone, Diane Madariaga, and Debbie Dadey. Staff Present: Library Director Lydia Goodwin. Guests: Roger Gingrich, Chair of the Library Foundation; Dannen Mannschreck, Select Board Liaison.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 17, 2026, meeting were approved as presented.

Foundation Report

Roger Gingrich reported that he will continue serving as President and Chair of the Foundation. He then reviewed the Foundation's goals, including sustainable financial infrastructure and ongoing financial support initiatives. To support better coordination around these priorities, the groups are working to schedule quarterly meetings so they can stay informed about one another's goals and avoid duplicating efforts. Once scheduled, these coordination meetings among the Foundation, Trustees, and Friends will continue on a quarterly basis.

Acceptance of Donations

A motion made by Robert Drew and seconded by Ezra Hodgson to accept \$649.75 in donations was approved.

Treasurer's Report

A motion made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Robert Drew to accept the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Select Board Liaison Report

Dannen Mannschreck shared the Select Board's recommendation that the Library incorporate the annual \$5,000 technology allocation into its operating budget to improve the likelihood of funding approval.

Director's Report

Director Lydia Goodwin reported updates to the Unattended Children Policy and Library Behavior Policy and reviewed a new candidate for the part-time library assistant position.

Old Business

Fencing Project

Three estimates are being collected. The Board discussed omitting a gate, as it would rarely be used and would add approximately \$1,200 to the cost. A quote from 125 Fencing totaled \$13,000 without the gate, using the same fencing as the solar ground mount.

NHLTA Conference

Four trustees and the Library Director are registered to attend the May 27, 2026, NHLTA Conference.

New Business

Trustee Lydia Cupp received a \$200 Master Gardeners grant for the Sensory Garden. A soil sample has been submitted to UNH for testing. The Friends have allocated \$500 annually for library grounds plantings. A motion to accept the \$200 grant was made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Robert Drew, and the motion passed.

Friends of the Library Report

- Books and Bloom Fundraiser: Arrangements will be created on May 6, displayed in the library, and auctioned from May 7–9. A "Make Your Own Mother's Day Arrangement" event will be held May 9, 10 AM–1 PM.
- Annual Plant Sale: Scheduled for June 6 in the back parking lot, with a book sale in the Program Room. Plant donations are welcomed. Director Goodwin will promote the sale in the May newsletter.

Motions and Votes

1. Officer Assignments: A motion made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Ezra Hodgson to update officer assignments—designating Melanie to take notes and Director Goodwin to type them—passed.
2. Policy Updates: A motion made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Ezra Hodgson to adopt the revised Library Behavior Policy and Unattended Children Policy passed.
3. Director’s Report: A motion made by Robert Drew and seconded by Ezra Hodgson to accept the Director’s Report passed.
4. Grant Acceptance: A motion made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Robert Drew to accept the \$200 Master Gardener Grant passed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the BPL Program Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM following a motion made by Ezra Hodgson and seconded by Karolina Bodner.

Minutes Prepared By

Melanie Haley and Lydia Goodwin April 21 & April 22, 2026