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**Barrington Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2026
BPL Program Room – 5:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Barrington Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Melanie Haley.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Karolina Bodner, Robert Drew, Lydia Cupp, Melanie Haley, Richard Compagnone, and Diane Madariaga. Ezra Hodgson and Debbie Dadey, Alternate, were absent.

Staff Present: Library Director, Lydia Goodwin. Guests: Susan Frankel.

Public Comments

None.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 21, 2026, meeting were approved as presented. A motion made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Richard Compagnone was approved.

Acceptance of Donations

A motion made by Robert Drew and seconded by Lydia Cupp to accept \$395.11 in donations was approved.

Treasurer's Report

A motion made by Richard Compagnone, seconded by Lydia Cupp, to accept the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Select Board Liaison Report

Dannen Mannschreck, Select Board Liaison, was absent.

Director's Report

Approved 09/15/2026

Lydia Goodwin updated the Emergency Plan and will edit section numbers. A motion was made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Diane Madariaga to approve the Emergency Plan with edits to the numbered sections; the motion was approved. A motion to approve the Director's Report was made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Richard Compagnone and was approved.

Lydia Goodwin will find out if the town hall has an Eckhardt & Johnson contract with the other town buildings. A motion was made by Robert Drew and seconded by Richard Compagnone to approve closing the library on October 10, 2026, to have the library carpets steam cleaned; the motion was approved.

Old Business

Fencing Project

Robert Drew reported that the fencing has been ordered and should arrive this week. The goal is to have the fencing done by early September.

Review of Closed Meeting Minutes

Karolina asked if the Board would take a vote to unseal non-public minutes, October 28, 2009, through April 29, 2024. A motion was made by Lydia Cupp and seconded by Robert Drew and was approved.

New Business

MOU with the Town of Barrington for outdoor maintenance outlines that anything beyond mowing and snow removal needs to be put into the library's annual budget. Garden Committee or volunteers will help with weeding. Use remaining funds in the landscaping budget line to loam and seed the lawn in the front of the library building.

Foundation/Friends Report

Friends' summer picnic August 26, 2026. Last day to RSVP is August 19, 2026.

Mum sale is going on now and taking orders through September 4th. Pick up day is Saturday, September 12th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Noon.

Lydia Cupp gave updates on the Master Gardeners \$200.00 Grant. Confirmed that Lydia Cupp was reimbursed \$201.96 by the Master Gardeners.

Motions and Votes

1. A motion was made by Karolina and seconded by Richard Compagnone to approve the meeting minutes from the July 21, 2026, Trustee Meeting - passed.
2. Accept Donations: A motion made by Robert Drew and seconded by Lydia Cupp to accept the \$395.11 donations - passed.
3. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Richard Compagnone and seconded by Lydia Cupp to approve the treasurer's report - passed.
4. Emergency Plan: A motion was made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Diane Madariaga to approve the Emergency Plan with edits to the numbered sections - passed.
5. Director's Report: A motion made by Karolina Bodner and seconded by Richard Compagnone to accept the Director's Report as written - passed.
6. A motion was made by Robert Drew, and seconded by Richard Compagnone to approve closing the library on October 10, 2026, to have the library carpets steam cleaned - passed

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the BPL Program Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM following a motion made by Richard Compagnone and seconded by Lydia Cupp

Minutes Prepared By

Melanie Haley and Lydia Goodwin August 19, 2026.