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**Barrington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes
February, 17th 2025**

Present: Trustees: Vice Chair Lydia Cupp, Treasurer Melanie Haley, Secretary Ezra Hodgson (Virtually), Diane Madariaga, Library Director Lydia Goodwin, and Alternates Robert Drew,

Absent: Chair Susan Gaudiello, Karolina Bodner, Richard Compagnone, Alternates Karen Towne, and Debbie Dadey

This meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.

Public Comment: No comment

Lydia C made a motion to allow Ezra Hodgson to participate in the meeting virtually. Seconded by Diane. The motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Robert made a motion to approve minutes from meeting on December 20th, seconded by Melanie. The motion passed.

Donations: December donations totaled \$155.

Melanie made a motion to approve donations from January, seconded by Diane. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Total interest received from First Seacoast Bank CDs was \$168.20 over the last month.

The checking and savings accounts received 9 cents in interest.

Robert made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report from January, seconded by Diane. The motion passed.

Lydia G and Melanie are going to meet about upcoming audits.

Select-board Liaison: NA

Director's Report: Lydia G reported a leak in the roof. Snow from solar panels falls into valleys in the roof causing ice dams. The issue has been mitigated. Also, solar should start performing as we continue to get more sun into March. Last month's electric expenses were less than the prior month's.

Isabella did resign on February 17th, 2026. Cosmetology school was more time consuming than anticipated. Plan is to keep current staff through April.

Researching how to separate the library from the large meeting space from a security standpoint for after hours external usage.

Lydia G provided two updated policies (Collection Development + Donations, Fundraising, Sales) that were reviewed. Plans to review two policies each month to update and bring to Board for approval.

Melanie made a motion to approve the two policies updated by Lydia G, seconded by Diane. The motion passed.

Old Business: Robert and Richard are researching the Rte 125 Fencing and will follow up on findings next meeting.

New Business: Lydia C announced that the Trustees want to extend Lydia G's contract as Barrington Library Director for a 3 year term.

Robert made a motion to approve the extension of Lydia G's contract by 3 years through March 31, 2029, seconded by Diane. The motion passed.

There needs to be an annual review of the Non-Public Minutes. Plan is to follow up next meeting with Karolina on process.

Lydia C explained that since Susan will not be running for the Chair trustee position again, new officers will be needed. Melanie will run for Chair. Lydia C will remain Vice Chair. Ezra will run to be Treasurer. The position of Secretary will need to be filled. Diane said she will consider whether she is willing to accept that position.

Kristin Caswell sat in on the meeting. Thinking about becoming a Trustee Alternate.

Friends Report:

Just Desserts was a success and raised over \$1,100. Lemon Squares team won.

The Friends and the Bloomers have their "Books + Bloom" event on May 6th. The trustees plan to have a floral display for the competition. The Friends will have a plant sale in congruence with a book sale at the library in June.

Foundation Report: Last meeting was canceled, so no updates.

Final Comments: None

Adjourn: Ezra made a motion to adjourn at 6:07pm, seconded by Melanie. The motion passed.

Next regularly planned Library Trustees Meeting is March, 17th.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, Ezra Hodgson.