

**Barrington Public Library  
Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2025**

**Present:** Trustees: Chair Susan Gaudiello, Vice Chair Lydia Cupp, Secretary Ezra Hodgson, Treasurer Melanie Haley, Karolina Bodner, Richard Compagnone, Diane Madariaga, Library Director Lydia Goodwin, and Alternates Robert Drew, Karen Towne, and Debbie Dadey

**Absent:** NA

This meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

**Public Comment:** No comment

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Karolina made a motion to approve minutes from Meeting on December 16th, seconded by Richard. The motion passed.

**Donations:** December donations totaled \$481.64. Melanie made a motion to approve donations from December, seconded by Lydia. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Total interest received from First Seacoast Bank CDs was \$120.80 over the last month.

Melanie completed the moving of Library Trustee CD funds from TD Bank to First Seacoast Bank, due to better rates and having all of the funds in one place.

There was \$5,546.91 in the Library Tech Capital Reserve at the end of Q4, 2025.

**Select-board Liaison:** NA

**Director's Report:** Lydia communicated that Isabella recently began cosmetology school and the needed hours were more than originally anticipated. Lydia is hopeful to be getting 12 hours a week from her.

The mailbox was struck and broken, needing replacement. She is opting for a cheaper replacement and will start putting orange markers/reflectors next to it to avoid future incidents.

Electric bill in January was over \$3,000. Solar is expected to start performing better in March.

**Building:** Continued conversation about the fence along Route 125. There's potential for a Lowe's charitable contribution or maybe a T-Mobile grant that could be applied for

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to offset the cost of putting up a fence. Richard and Robert will research the fence needs/costs/options with Lydia.

**Friends Report:**

The Friends have their "Just Desserts" event coming up on February 7th. Looking for 10-12 bakers to participate and make bite sized treats in competition. They have 10 bakers so far.

The Friends also have their "Books + Bloom" event on May 6th. The trustees plan to pull together a floral display for the competition. That will be in conjunction with a book sale at the library.

Lydia is also applying for a Master Gardner grant and that Trustees approved by consensus.

**Foundation Report:** Susan has joined the Foundation Board. The Foundation has applied for the casino benefit again in 2026. The Foundation is also paying for a recognition plaque for those involved in bringing the new library space to fruition. Trustees made the decision to include additional library staff members on the recognition plaque for the the work they did in the move that was over and above their normal job description.

**Non-Public Session:** Karolina made a motion to enter a Non-Public Session, seconded by Melanie. Roll call vote was taken to approve. Non-Public was entered at 6:25pm.

Public Session reconvened at 6:50pm.

Karolina made a motion to seal the Non-Public Minutes for 3 months, seconded by Melanie. The motion passed.

**Final Comments: None**

**Adjourn:** Karolina made a motion to adjourn at 6:55pm, seconded by Lydia. The motion passed.

Next Regularly Planned Library Trustees Meeting is February 17th.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, Ezra Hodgson.