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Barrington Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2026
BPL Program Room – 5:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Barrington Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:31 PM by Chair Melanie Haley.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Melanie Haley, Lydia Cupp, Richard Compagnone, Ezra Hodgdon, Diane Madariaga, Alternate Susan Frankel. Trustees absent Robert Drew, Alternate Debbie Dadey

Public Comments

None.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 15, 2026, meeting were approved as presented. A motion made by Richard Compagnone and seconded by Lydia Cupp was approved.

Acceptance of Donations

A motion made by Diane Madariaga and seconded by Susan Frankel to accept $1,178.50 in donations was approved. Thank you Karolina Bodner for the $1,000 donation for special projects.

Treasurer's Report

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

Select Board Liaison Report

Dannen Mannschreck, discussed the Director's upcoming budget presentation to the ABC and the new procedure this year.

Director's Report

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The Board discussed creating a subcommittee to review updated policies before sending them to the Board for approval. Melanie Haley and Susan Frankel volunteered to be on this committee. Richard is reviewing the contracts for the HVAC maintenance and will meet with the Director to discuss on October 21, 2026.

A motion to approve the Director's Report was made by Ezra Hodgdon and seconded by Karolina Bodner. The motion carried.

Old Business

Sealing of minutes:

Karolina Bodner cited an article in the NHLTA Quarterly Newsletter referencing non-public sessions and sealed minutes. Karolina reported that according to the article written by Jonathan Cowal, Legal Counsel, New Hampshire Municipal Association the Board has been staying compliant in the way the Board reviews and processes the sealed minutes. Karolina Bodner and Lydia Cupp will review sealed minutes at regular intervals going forward.

New Business

Melanie Haley invited the Board to Susan Gaudiello's Award Presentation on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 5:00 PM with the Trustee Business Meeting to immediately follow.

Lydia Cupp discussed the idea of asking middle/high school Wood Shop class or an Eagle Scout to build the library picnic tables, Adirondacks, and benches for the back lawn. The library would pay for the materials.

Trustee Meetings are moving to the second Monday of the month at 5:30 PM beginning November 9, 2026.

Foundation/Friends Report

Lydia Cupp reported on behalf of the Friends of the Library and shared that the organization raised $1,300 through its annual Mum Sale.

The Friends will host a book sale and raffle basket fundraiser at the polling location on Election Day.

A joint meeting of the Foundation, Friends of the Library, Trustee Chair, and Library Director was held on September 30. The meeting was productive and resulted in the formation of a new subcommittee, the BPL Financial Advisory Council. The Council will meet quarterly to coordinate fundraising initiatives, review outcomes, and strengthen collaboration among the participating organizations.

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Motions and Votes

1. **Approval of September 15, 2026, Minutes**
   A motion to approve the September 15, 2026, meeting minutes as presented was made by Richard Compagnone and seconded by Lydia Cupp. The motion carried.

2. **Acceptance of Donations**
   A motion to accept $1,178.50 in donations was made by Diane Madariaga and seconded by Susan Frankel. The motion carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report**
   A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Richard Compagnone and seconded by Karolina Bodner. The motion carried.

4. **Director's Report**
   A motion to approve the Director's Report, as amended, was made by Ezra Hodgdon and seconded by Karolina Bodner. The motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the BPL Program Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM following a motion made by Richard Compagnone and seconded by Susan Frankel.

Minutes Prepared By

Melanie Haley and Lydia Goodwin October 20th and October 26, 2026.