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Barrington Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 15, 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: Robert Drew, Melanie Haley, Richard Compagnone, Ezra Hodgdon, Alternate Debbie Dadey. Lydia Cupp, Diane Madariaga, and Karolina Bodner were absent. Staff Present: Library Director, Lydia Goodwin. Guests present Diane St. Jean, and Susan Gaudiello.

Public Comments

Presentation of the Barrington Library Foundation's *Celebrate* Book of Benefactors, followed by a reflection on the many years of community support, fundraising, and dedication that helped bring the new library project to fruition.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 18, 2026, meeting were approved as presented. A motion made by Richard Compagnone and seconded by Ezra Hodgdon was approved.

Acceptance of Donations

A motion made by Ezra Hodgdon and seconded by Debbie Dadey to accept \$520 in donations was approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

Select Board Liaison Report

Dannen Mannschreck, Select Board Liaison was absent.

Director's Report

Approved 10/20/2026

The Board discussed the FY2027 Annual Budget presentation scheduled for October 21 before the ABC, as well as several town-managed service contracts that impact the library, including HVAC maintenance, cleaning services, generator maintenance, and building safety and security services.

Lydia Goodwin informed the Board that the library will require heat mats in all roof valleys to help prevent ice buildup and is currently awaiting pricing information for the project.

The Board reviewed the Director's Report. Richard Compagnone noted a correction was needed in the first paragraph, changing "September" to "August."

A motion to approve the Director's Report, with the noted edit, was made by Debbie Dadey and seconded by Ezra Hodgdon. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed three policies:

Circulation Policy

A motion to approve the Circulation Policy, including increasing the summer resident library card fee from \$20 to \$35, was made by Richard Compagnone and seconded by Debbie Dadey. The motion passed, 4-1, with Robert Drew voting in opposition.

Communication Policy

A motion to approve the Communication Policy was made by Debbie Dadey and seconded by Ezra Hodgdon. The motion carried.

Employee & Volunteer Reference Policy

A motion to approve the Employee & Volunteer Reference Policy was made by Debbie Dadey and seconded by Ezra Hodgdon. The motion carried.

Old Business

Fencing Project

Robert Drew reported that the fencing installation is expected to be completed by the end of the week. The remaining 50% balance will be paid from Trustee funds.

New Business

The Board discussed moving its regular monthly meetings to a different date. Robert Drew noted a conflict with meetings on the third Monday and suggested the second Monday instead. The Board agreed to consult the absent trustees and alternates regarding their availability before making a final decision.

Foundation/Friends Report

Lydia Cupp was absent; therefore, no Friends of the Library report was presented.

Foundation joint meeting with the Friends', Trustee Chair, and Library Director on September 30th.

Motions and Votes

1. Approval of August 18, 2026, Minutes

A motion to approve the August 18, 2026, meeting minutes as presented was made by Richard Compagnone and seconded by Ezra Hodgdon. The motion carried.

2. Acceptance of Donations

A motion to accept \$520 in donations was made by Ezra Hodgdon and seconded by Debbie Dadey. The motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Robert Drew and seconded by Richard Compagnone. The motion carried.

4. Director's Report

A motion to approve the Director's Report, as amended, was made by Debbie Dadey and seconded by Ezra Hodgdon. The motion carried.

5. Circulation Policy

A motion to approve the Circulation Policy, including an increase in the summer resident renter library card fee from \$20 to \$35, was made by Richard Compagnone and seconded by Debbie Dadey. The motion passed 4-1, with Robert Drew opposed.

6. Communication Policy

A motion to approve the Communication Policy was made by Debbie Dadey and seconded by Ezra Hodgdon. The motion carried.

7. Employee & Volunteer Reference Policy

A motion to approve the Employee & Volunteer Reference Policy was made by Debbie Dadey and seconded by Ezra Hodgdon. The motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the BPL Program Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM following a motion made by Ezra Hodgdon and seconded by Richard Compagnone.

Minutes Prepared By

Melanie Haley and Lydia Goodwin September 15th and 16th, 2026.