

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Barrington Public Library**  
Thursday, January 21, 2016

Library Trustees Room  
281 County Road, Barrington RI 02806

**Members Present:**

Cindy Kaplan  
Kate Johnson  
Laura Laurence  
Dan O'Mahony  
Dean Robinson  
Vince Wicker

**Absent:**

Laura Young

**Presiding:** Vince Wicker

**Also Present:**

Debbie Barchi, Director

Meeting was brought to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes from the December 17, 2015, meeting were approved.

**Financial Reports:**

Accepted.

**Statistical Reports:**

Accepted.

**Director's Report:**

Catherine Liska, the new Administrative Assistant, overlapped one week with Wendy Abel before Wendy's retirement; the transition has been very smooth.

Fewer programs have been scheduled over the next 3 months due to staff having anticipated that the building construction project might be underway during this period. Staff are trying to be flexible so that the project can begin ASAP. At this point, staff are booking meeting rooms thru March.

Director reported that she had reviewed the storm policy with staff. The library works in tandem with Town Hall regarding storm decisions during daytime business hours. During evenings and weekends, the condition of the parking lot (i.e., whether or not it is/will be plowed) is a key factor regarding opening/closing the library.

The library's budget was submitted to the Town Manager; we expect to hear back in a few weeks.

Director and Chair reported on a sensitive situation that occurred in the library earlier in January. A patron objected to certain books in the library because of their subject content. Staff explained the process for questioning materials in the library and asked the patron to fill out the relevant form. Director met

with the patron to hear the patron's complaints and decided the material should not be removed from the library. For several days thereafter, the patron continued to complain to staff and became disruptive. Director and Town Manager were notified. Not satisfied with the outcome, the patron asked to speak with the President of the Board of Trustees; staff provided the patron with contact information for Board Chair Vince Wicker. The patron subsequently called Wicker directly; Wicker listened to the patron's complaints. No further complaints by this patron have been noted since.

Vince read a thank you card from Wendy, in reply to her receiving the unanimous resolution from the Board thanking her for her service to the library and congratulating her on her retirement. The library will dedicate a book to Wendy in her honor as well.

**New business:**

None.

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None

**Agenda for February 18, 2016, meeting:**

Old business

1. Budget update

New business

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan O'Mahony, Secretary  
Barrington Public Library Board of Trustees

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**Also Present:**

Debbie Barchi, Director

Meeting was brought to order at 7:34 p.m.

Minutes from the December 17, 2015, meeting were approved (motion by Wicker, second by Laurence).

**Financial Reports:**

Treasurer submitted report, including balances in bank accounts and restricted funds as well as the quarterly report from Coastline Trust account.

Coastline's recommendation is to leave allocations unchanged at this time. Treasurer will contact George Burwell of Coastline Trust Company to provide an annual review at the February meeting.

A line of credit has been established at Washington Trust and is ready when we need it.

The Board will need to develop a system to track pledges (e.g., multi-year commitments).

**Old business:**

- a) Progress on building project – latest optimum start date is September 2016.
- b) Update from Committee on the Library – January 31 fundraising event planned (hosted party); at least 12 families committed to attend; others have expressed interest.  
Director passed out updated list of naming opportunities and list of potential prospects; also distributed was an update from Hannah Street Consulting (status and fundraising plan).

**New business:**

None

**Agenda for February 18, 2016, Board meeting:**

Old business:

- a) Update from Committee on the Library
- b) Update on building project

New business:

- a) Annual review from Coastline Trust Company

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan O'Mahony, Secretary  
Barrington Public Library Corporation

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of the  
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**Also Present:**

Debbie Barchi, Director

Meeting was brought to order at 7:31 p.m.

**Election of Officers**

Slate of candidates was presented for review:

Chair : Vince Wicker

Vice Chair : Cindy Kaplan

Treasurer : Dean Robinson

Secretary : Dan O'Mahony

Motion to accept slate as proposed was unanimously approved (motion by Laurence; second by Johnson).

Meeting adjourned 7:33 p.m.