



# Bethel Public Library

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**Meeting Minutes  
BPL Board of Directors  
Monday 3/25/2024 at 6:00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Robin Kahn, Linda Curtis, Mary O'Leary, John Schmuecker, Robin Grubard, Rebecca Hussey, Sue Morton, Tia Murphy, Connie Kaufman, Terri Rotella, Julia Douglas, Library Director Megan Dean, and Friends President Suzanne Tobin.

**ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE:** Kristin Fedders

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Robin Kahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF 2/26/2024 MEETING MINUTES:** Chair Robin Kahn asked if the members had read the minutes, and if there were any questions. John Schmuecker made a motion to approve the minutes. Connie Kaufman seconded the motion. Robin Grubard abstained. The remainder of the members voted in favor. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rebecca Hussey asked if the members had any questions about the February treasurer's report. Mary O'Leary made a motion to approve the December report. Linda Curtis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chair Robin Kahn read a letter from First Selectman Dan Carter about specific requirements for town board meetings under the FOIA (ie. no cell phone usage and no personal conversations during meetings).

**FRIENDS OF THE BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY:** Friends Chair Suzanne Tobin discussed membership and the revamping of the membership brochure. Their annual shredding event is on May 11th from 9:00-12:00.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:** Director Megan Dean discussed the spending report. There should be a big jump next month as new technology has been purchased and bills are now coming in. One library clerk is leaving after many years for a full time job. The Library has resumed outreach to the middle school, working with ESL students. We are also partnering with Berry, Rockwell and

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Johnson Schools for 'Spring into Reading'. Summer reading planning has started. Public works will power wash the building and will replace the cement parking blocks. Story walk posts will all be replaced.

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Robin Grubard discussed the March 15th mini golf fundraiser. The numbers have not been finalized as we are still awaiting payment from one hole sponsor. As of now, our fundraising exceeded the 2023 mini golf event.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Terri Rotella made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tia Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Robin Kahn adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Grubard  
BPL Board Secretary