



Bethel Public Library

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**Meeting Minutes
BPL Board of Directors
Monday 1/27/2025 at 6:00 pm**

PRESENT: Robin Kahn, John Schmuecker, Robin Grubard, Rebecca Hussey, Sue Morton, Kristin Fedders, Terri Rotella, Tia Murphy, Mary O'Leary, Julia Douglas, Connie Kaufman (6:02), Library Director Megan Dean, Friends of the Library Chair Suzanne Tobin

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: None

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE: None

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

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF 12/16/2024 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. Rebecca Hussey seconded the motion. Mary O'Leary and Julia Douglas abstained. The remainder of the members voted in favor. Motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rebecca Hussey asked if the members had read the December treasurer's report and if there were any questions. Terri Rotella made a motion to approve the report. Tia Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

FRIENDS OF THE BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY: Friends of the Library Chair Suzanne Tobin mentioned that the new Friend's board has been approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: none

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Director Megan Dean discussed the December spending report and statistics. Director Dean also discussed the director's report including new CT laws regarding paid sick time. The partnership with the Connecticut Film Festival is running smoothly. Budget has been discussed with Selectman Carter. Budget presentation is Tuesday 2/18. AARP tax aide was launched last week. Appointments are filling up but there are still slots available.

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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Robin Grubard discussed the upcoming mini golf event on March 28th and 29th. Board members are encouraged to attend, help serve, clean up and sell tickets. Mary O'Leary made a motion to close the library at 2:00 on March 28th for the event. John Schmuecker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

John Schmuecker reminded the board of the proposed slate of officers for the next two years..

Chair: Sue Morton

Vice chair: Rebecca Hussey

Treasurer: Julia Douglas

Secretary: Robin Kahn

Mary O'Leary made a motion to approve the new slate of offices. Tia Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

STRATEGIC PLAN FY24-26 UPDATE:

Director Megan Dean updated the Board as to the status of Strategic Plan's goals, which consist of: facilities and staff; resources and collections; programming and outreach; and technology and digital literacy.

ADJOURNMENT: Robin Kahn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terri Rotella seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Sue Morton adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Grubard, outgoing BPL Board Secretary

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