

Barker Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 11, 2023
Barker Village Gazebo, Main Street, Barker, NY

- Present:** Board of Trustees: Kathie Smith, Ashley Grabowski, Cynthia Harris,
Jessica Monaco, Lisa Thompson
Excused: Brian Carmer
- Public: Patty Nagel, Emily Cebula, Eric Wolbert, Leslie Wolbert,
Thomas Detschner, Cheryl Naish, Joe Naish, Dee Flagler, Bessie Scofill,
Lisa Seiler, Joseph Frazier, Joseph Szalany, Eric Jennings, Janoah Atwater,
Lisa Erickson, Tom Bindeman
- Call to Order:** President Kathie Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Pledge to the Flag
- Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report of July 20, 2023 was moved for approval by
Trustee Grabowski and seconded by Vice President Harris. All voted aye.
- Treasurer's Report:** •President Smith examined the bills since our last meeting and reported that
everything was in order.

•A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of September 11, 2023 was
made by Trustee Monaco and seconded by Trustee Grabowski. All voted aye.
- President's Report:** •President Smith and Director Thompson have attended several Village of Barker
meetings regarding the status of the library rebuild

•There has been continued work on updating and revising policies

•Several community outreach opportunities have occurred throughout the
including: the Barker Bicentennial Celebration, the BCS Back-to-School
Open House, and the reestablished Friends of the Library group
- Director's Report:** Vice President Harris moved and Trustee Monaco seconded the motion to
approve the Director's Report dated September 11, 2023. All voted aye.
- Old Business:** • Status of Phase 2 of the Library Rebuild was discussed; Bid contracts should be
signed by the Village later this week

- Vice President Harris will be the liaison to the Friends of the Library group; The Friends of the Library will be meeting at 6:30pm Monday, September 18 in the Village of Barker Gazebo. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- Trustee Grabowski moved and Vice President Harris seconded the motion to approve the hiring of Carrie Wright and Kate (Charley) Light as Library Clerks effective February 28, 2023. All voted aye.
- Trustee Monaco moved and Trustee Grabowski seconded the motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kate (Charley) Light, effective June 25, 2023. All voted aye.
- Voted on the resolution responding to appeal for removal of written materials:
WHEREAS the Board timely received an appeal of the Director's decision attached to this resolution from Eric and Leslie Wolbert and

WHEREAS the Board has evaluated the appeal by applying the factors in the Library's Collection Management Policy, its Long-Range Plan of Service, and the Code of Ethics of the American Library Association;

BE IT RESOLVED that the appeal is denied, as provided by the Library's Collection Management Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board re-affirms its commitment to New York State Constitution, the United States Constitution, and the American Library Association Code of Ethics, as adopted by the New York Library Association.

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New Business:

- Vice President Harris moved and Trustee Monaco seconded the motion to adopt the Barker Public Library Freedom of Information (FOIL) Policy. All voted aye.
- Trustee Grabowski moved and Vice President Harris seconded the motion to adopt the Updated Collection Policy and Form to Request Re-Evaluation of a Library Resource.
- Trustee Monaco moved and Trustee Grabowski seconded the motion to adopt the Barker Public Library Public Comment Policy. All voted aye.
- Vice President Harris moved and Trustee Grabowski seconded the motion to adopt the Barker Public Library Display Policy. All voted aye.

- Discussed the establishment of a long-term planning committee to examine and plan for the BPL Budget and various long-term goals. It was decided that the Board of Trustees will have a work session on October 16 in the Barker Public Library to work on these topics as well as the development of a Board Evaluation Form. The meeting will begin at 7pm.

Public Comment: • Several members of the community voiced their concerns with the books: [This Book is Gay](#) by Juno Dawson and [All Boys Aren't Blue](#) by George M. Johnson.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Barker Lions Club, 8737 Main Street in Barker.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made by Trustee Monaco and seconded by Vice President Harris at 6:52 pm. All voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Monaco
Secretary