



# Bethel Public Library

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Meeting Minutes  
BPL Board of Directors  
Hybrid Meeting  
Monday 1/24/2022 at 6:00 pm

**PRESENT:** Chair Mary O'Leary, Tia Murphy, Judith Schlemmer, Robin Kahn, Vice Chair Connie Kaufman, Linda Curtis, Robin Grubard, Terri Rotella (6:07), Chris Sell, Sue Morton, President of Friends Jen Patzold and Library Director Megan Dean.

**Call to order:** Chair Mary O'Leary called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ted Stevenson has chosen to not take another term on the Library Board. Mary Spain has sent a letter of resignation to the Board but it has not been officially recorded with the Town Clerk. Chair Mary O'Leary extended on behalf of the Board, sincere thanks to both Ted and Mary for all their efforts and commitment over the years to both the Board and the Library.

**APPROVAL OF 12/13/ 2021 MEETING MINUTES:** Chair Mary O'Leary asked if the members had read the minutes, and if there were any questions. Chair Mary O'Leary asked for a motion to approve Dec 13 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Connie Kaufman made a motion to accept the minutes Linda Curtis 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Tia Murphy asked if there were any questions on the reports. Hearing none Robin Grubard Made a motion to accept the December and January reports. Vice Chair Connie Kaufman 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed.

**FRIENDS OF THE BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY:** President of Friends Jen Patzold, mentioned the Annual Meeting was held Jan 19, 2022. The 2022 Board is President Jan Patzold, Vice President Diane Golden, Secretary Connie Booth and they are looking for a Treasurer. The Friends presented 2 checks to the library, \$2500 for General Programming and the first payment check for the Teen Library Grant.

**DIRECTOR UPDATE:** Library Director Megan Dean asked the members if they read the reports and if they had any questions. She briefly reviewed the documents. She called attention to the dip in E-Content because of the loss of Acorn TV and is looking into an alternative for those patrons. She also mentioned that in the last 2 weeks there has been an increase in patronage in person use of the library and the meeting rooms. AARP is returning for tax help and the lockers and RFID programs are progressing.

**Budget FY2022-2023 report:** The Budget was presented to the First Selectman and the Comptroller. It will be presented to the Board of Finance on Feb 1 2022.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Nominating Committee:** Chair Robin Kahn presented the slate of Candidates. Terri Rotella seconded the slate: Chair Mary O'Leary, Vice Chair Connie Kaufman, Treasurer Tia Murphy and Secretary Susan Morton. Chair Robin Kahn asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none. All in favor. Motion passed

**Development Committee:** Chair Robin Grubard mentioned that 9 holes have paid, 8 are waiting for payment. The media campaign has started for the Mini golf event March 18-19 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Mary O'Leary asked for a motion to adjourn. Chris Sell moved to adjourn. Terri Rotella 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, motion passed. Chair Mary O'Leary adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Morton  
Secretary